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CONGREGATIONAL PASTORS OF

NEW ENGLAND

By

Rev. Emerson Davis, S. T. D.

Arranged alphabetically according to churches

Volume I

Abbot to Chester

INTRODUCTION

Dr. Emerson Davis, the author of this work, was born in Ware, Massachusetts, July 15, 1798. He graduated with the valedictory at Williams College in 1821 and spent the year following as preceptor at the Academy at Westfield, Massachusetts. Following this he spent a year as tutor at Williams and then returned to his former position, where he remained till his ordination as pastor of the First Congregational Church at Westfield, June 1, 1836. He died in office, June 8, 1866, having preached his thirtieth anniversary sermon the preceding Sunday.

Dr. Davis was a member of the State Board of Education and an efficient promoter of the interests of the Normal School as well as the public schools of Westfield. He was a strong champion of the cause of temperance and deeply interested in everything pertaining to human welfare. He was an enthusiastic alumnus of Williams College, a Trustee from 1833, Vice President from 1859 and long looked upon as one of the "fathers" of the institution. He presided at the Commencement of 1861 in the absence of President Hopkins. In 1847, Harvard conferred on him the honorary degree of S. T. D.

He was a hard and conscientious worker whose sterling qualities made their impression on his generation. His portrait may be seen in the Westfield Athenaeum.

The published works of Dr. Davis include The Half Century (1851), a record of progress in science, art and religion from 1800 to 1850, and numerous printed sermons and addresses on historical and other subjects.

The present work, left in manuscript by Dr. Davis at his death, was presented by his widow to the American Congregational Association in February, 1869, and has ever since been a constant source of information concerning New England churches and ministers, often obtainable in no other way. After sixty years of constant use, the volumes became so much worn and the ink so faded as to be read with difficulty. The matter having been brought before the Directors of the Association at their March meeting in 1926, it was voted to have two typewritten copies prepared which should be put into permanent binding.

The Association was fortunate in securing the service of Miss C. C. Noyes, who has performed in the intervals of her other work this rather difficult task. The thanks of the Directors are abundantly due her for her accurate and painstaking accomplishment.

Frederick T. Persons.

Congregational Library,
Boston, Mass., February 12, 1930.

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New Britain, Conn.
Feb. 29/69.

Rev. I. P. Langworthy,

Dear Sir:

I send you by "Express" the manuscript about which Mr. A. P. Marvin spoke to you. I very cheerfully present it to the "American Congregational Association" hoping it may in some way be useful, - the way of course I entirely submit to the judgment of those who will have it in charge.

I had not expected to write you myself and therefore had said all it was needful for me to say in a letter to Mr. Marvin.

Yours truly,

M. M. Davis

Care Chs. Peck.

New Britain, Feb. 24/69.

Rev. A. P. Marvin,

Dear Sir:

Your letter was duly received and your kindness fully appreciated.

I have decided to present the manuscript to the "American Congregational Association" and shall send it to Mr. Langworthy within a week. My son-in-law, Chs. Peck of this place will forward it, and write Mr. Langworthy. Should you see him - or when you see him please say that I should have been glad to have sent it in a better state - that is - as it was probably arranged when it was left - at the time of my husband's decease. My severe and repeated fits of sickness - and the breaking up of my dear old home - and the varied places and hands through which the papers have passed of course have deranged the original plan.

As I said to you - it cost labor and time - and I hope will be of use in some way - the way will of course be chosen and directed by Mr. Langworthy.

You will excuse my saying this to you - I feel a kind of acquaintance with you - from former associations.

Yours truly,

M. M. Davis.

PASTORS OF NEW ENGLAND

VOLUME I

Abbot, Me. Feb'y 2, 1841.

Abington, Mass. 1712

Rev. Samuel Brown of Newbury graduated at Harvard in 1709 and was ordained Nov. 17, 1714. He resigned in August, 1749 in consequence of ill health and died in a few days, Sept. 12, aged 62 years.

Rev. Ezekiel Dodge of Manchester graduated at Harvard in 1749 and was ordained May 23, 1750. He continued in office till he died, June 5, 1770, aged 48 years.

Rev. Samuel Niles, son of Hon. Samuel Niles of Braintree, graduated at Harvard in 1769 and was ordained Sept. 25, 1771. He died January 6, 1814, aged 69 years, having suffered much from the effects of a paralytic shock for two years. He was not a man of extensive reading, but understood the art of thinking. He was thoroughly Calvinistic, agreeable in conversation, hospitable and much esteemed by all that knew him.

Rev. Holland Weeks of Pomfret, Ct. graduated at Dartmouth and was pastor of the Congregational Church in Waterbury, Ct. from 1799 to 1806 and of the church in Pittsford, Vt. from 1807 to 1814. He was installed

here August 9, 1815, but having embraced the religious views of Emanuel Swedenborg, he was dismissed August 3, 1820. The seeds of this heresy that were sown by him in this parish soon sprung up and still bears fruit. He preached the new church doctrine a short time in Philadelphia and then removed to Henderson, N.Y., where he died in 1843, aged about 70 years. He studied theology with Rev. Ephraim Judson of Sheffield.

Rev. Samuel Spring, 1822-1826.

Rev. William Shedd of Mount Vernon, N.H. graduated at Dartmouth in 1819, studied theology at Andover, and was soon after ordained as an evangelist at Bradford. He went to New Orleans and labored for seamen, erected a Mariners' church and went to Europe in furtherance of his plans. In 1828 there was so great a change in his religious experience that he doubted whether he had been previously converted. He relinquished his chaplaincy and was installed pastor of this church July 1, 1829. He was a devoted minister, sound in faith and correct in practice. Several articles in the Spirit of the Pilgrims, signed "Canonicus", were from his pen. He died of consumption November 11, 1830, aged 33 years.

Second Church. August 19, 1807.

Rev. Daniel Thomas of Middleborough graduated at Brown in 1803 and was ordained June 1, 1808. He was never married and left no kindred except those quite distant. His

form was tall and attenuated; his features sallow but expressive. He was neat in his person, pure and unsullied in his character. He fed his people with the sincere milk of the word. He was honest, plain and kind hearted. He was an Edwards in his theology. He resigned in 1842 and died in peace January 5, 1847, aged 68 years. Soon after his settlement he engaged to marry a lady in his parish, who was soon taken sick and confined to her bed 37 years. He thought it not right to marry another while she lived and, as she outlived him, he was never married.

Third Church. 1813.

Rev. Samuel W. Colburn, 1813-30. (See Taunton)

North Church. October, 1839.

Rev. Willard Pierce of Stoughton graduated at Brown in 1818. His parents being poor he left home when eleven years old and by his own exertions educated himself, was ordained at Foxboro Nov. 17, 1824 and dismissed in October, 1839. He was installed over this church April 8, 1840 and dismissed in feeble health in 1850. He continued feeble till he died March 26, 1860, aged 70 years. He married Eleanor Ward of Foxboro. He published seven sermons.

Acton, Mass., November 8, 1738.

Rev. John Swift, son of Rev. John Swift of Framingham, graduated at Harvard in 1733 and was ordained the day the church was organized. He was a man of talents, learning

and piety. He was witty and eccentric. He published two sermons. In 1775 he had the smallpox and was unable to preach after it. He died Nov. 7 of that year, aged 62. He married Abigail Adams of Medway and educated one son.

Rev. Moses Adams of Framingham graduated at Harvard in 1771 and was ordained June 25, 1777. He continued in office till he died, October 13, 1819, aged 70 years. He published five sermons.

Evangelical Church, March 13, 1832.

Rev. James T. Woodbury of Francestown, N.H. graduated at Harvard in 1823, studied law with his brother, Hon. Levi Woodbury, and opened a law office in Betts, Me., where he was converted. He studied theology with Dr. Beecher in Boston and was ordained Aug. 29, 1832. He continued here till 1852, when he resigned and was installed at Milford in July of that year. He continued in office till he died, Jan'y 16, 1861, aged 57 years. He died of apoplexy. He was an earnest man and esteemed it a high privilege to preach the Gospel. He preached in part extempore and was always listened to with interest. He married Augusta Porter of Medford.

Acton, Me., Sept. 18, 1781.

This was the west parish of Shapleigh till 1833, when it became a town.

Rev. Joseph Brown was not a graduate of any college. He was ordained pastor of this church in 1796 and was dis-

missed in 1804. He was pastor at Alfred from 1805 to 1809. I find no record of him as a pastor after this. He died at Chester, Vt., Dec. 16, 1840, aged 76 years.

Acworth, N.H. March 12, 1773.

This church has some of the elements of Presbyterianism. It has a church session, which is composed of the pastor and deacons.

Rev. Thomas Archibald of Londonderry graduated at Dartmouth in 1783 and was ordained Nov. 11, 1789. He was dismissed June 14, 1794. He died in 1812 at Cherryfield, Me., aged 57 years.

Rev. John Kimball of Wenham, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1792 and was ordained June 14, 1797. He was an Arminian, though he seldom preached on doctrinal subjects. He suffered much from bodily infirmity and in consequence of it resigned his pastoral charge May 4, 1813. He removed to Littleton, Mass., where he died Sept. 1, 1824, aged 63 years.

Rev. Phineas Cooke of Hadley, Mass., graduated at Williams College in 1803 and was converted while studying law in Keene. During that time he delivered an oration here on a 4th. of July, the sentiments of which were opposed by many of the people. When he came to preach among them, they remembered his politics and many opposed giving him a call. There was a majority of one only in his favor. He was ordained Sept. 7, 1814, lived down the opposition,

and was a very useful minister. He resigned his charge Feb'y 18, 1829, and was pastor of the church in Lebanon from 1829 to 1848. He then removed to Amherst, Mass., where he died Apr. 28, 1853, aged 72 years.

Rev. Moses G. Grosvenor, 1829-1832.

Rev. Joseph Merrill of Warren, N.H., graduated at Dartmouth in 1814 and studied theology with Rev. Samuel Dana of Marblehead, while he was preceptor of an academy there. He was ordained pastor of the church in Dracut, Mass., Nov. 15, 1820 and was dismissed April 8, 1833. In October of the same year he was installed pastor of this church and was dismissed July 11, 1838. For several years previous to his death he resided in Lowell and supplied the church in Dracut of which he had been pastor. He died at Lowell Nov. 21, 1856, aged 68 years. He married Eleanor Haynes of Rumney and had eight children.

Adams, Mass. 1766.

This church became extinct about 1780 and there was no Congregational church in the town till one was organized at North Adams, Aug. 19, 1827.

Rev. Samuel Todd, of North Haven, Ct., graduated at Yale in 1734, being only 15 years old, and was pastor of a church in Plymouth, Ct. from 1740 to 1764. He was installed at North Adams the day the church was organized. A change in the population of the place during the Revolutionary War made it necessary that he should leave. He was dismissed about 1778, removed to Northfield, and in 1782 to Orford, N.H.

He preached occasionally, was considered a man of talents and of piety, and died in Orford in 1789, aged 70 years. He married Mercy Evans of Northfield and had 8 children.

Rev. John W. Yeomans of Hinsdale, graduated at Williams College in 1824, spent two years at Andover, was ordained pastor of this church Nov. 12, 1828 and dismissed Feb'y 16, 1832. He was pastor of the church in Pittsfield from March 7, 1832 to 1835, and of a Presbyterian church in Trenton, N.J.

South Adams, Mass., Jan'y 1, 1840.

Rev. Stillman Pratt of Reading graduated at Amherst in 1831 and at Andover in 1834. He was pastor of the church in Orleans from 1835 to 1839 and of this church from 1845 to 1847, having preached five years as stated supply. He preached at Carver, was installed in 1851 and dismissed in 1853, after which he removed to Middleborough and edited a newspaper till he died, Aug. 30, 1862, aged 58 years. He was a good man.

Addison, Vt. Nov. 24, 1803.

Agawam, Mass. (Feeding Hills) Nov. 10, 1762.

This town was a parish of West Springfield till 1855.

Rev. Sylvanus Griswold, son of Rev. George Griswold of Lyme, Ct., graduated at Yale in 1757 and was ordained Nov. 17, 1762. He continued minister of the parish till 1781 and pastor of the church till his death, Dec. 4, 1819, aged 87 years. In consequence of the ina-

bility of the people to pay his salary, he relinquished his claim upon them for it, and they all claims upon him for any service. The church remained in a broken state till after his death. He was a good scholar in college and sustained the character of a good man through life. He was a dull and uninteresting preacher.

Rev. Reuben S. Hazen, 1821-30 (See 2nd. Ch.)

Rev. Hervey Smith, 1830-33

Rev. Horatio J. Lombard, 1834-6 (See Northfield)

Rev. Calvin Foot, 1836-9

Rev. Dillon Williams, 1841-8

Rev. Stephen D. Ward, 1853-8 (See Machias)

Second Church, Sept. 1, 1819.

Rev. Reuben S. Hazen, of Tunbridge, Vt., graduated at Yale in 1818, studied theology with Dr. Osgood of Springfield, and was ordained pastor of this church and the church at Feeding Hills Oct. 17, 1821. He preached at each place on alternate Sabbaths. In 1830 this church assumed his support and he resigned the care of the church at Feeding Hills. He was dismissed in 1843 and was installed at Barkhamsted in May of the same year. He was dismissed again in 1849 and in September of that year was installed pastor of the church in Westminster, Ct., a parish of Canterbury. He continued here till he died, March 31, 1864, aged 73 years. He married, (1) Mary Ann, daughter of Rev. Luke Wood; (2) Eunice, daughter

of Rev. Asa King of Killingworth, Ct.; and (3) Miss Sarah Burgess of Westminster. He was a good man, feeble in body, but fervent in spirit.

Albany, Me. Sept. 15, 1803

Albany, Vt., 1818

Rev. Elias W. Kellogg was born in Sherburne, Mass., but his father removed to Vermont about 1802. He was not a graduate of any college, but after studying about two years he was licensed to preach. He was then 30 years old and was ordained pastor of this church Jan'y 24, 1827. He was pastor of the church at Jericho Center from 1837 to 1840 and at Highgate from 1846 to 1852. In 1855 he removed to Illinois and died at Ringwood Oct. 6, 1861, aged 66 years. He married Alzada Holbrook of Wardsboro, Vt. and had eight children.

Rev. Elias R. Kilby of Guildhall, Vt. was not a graduate of any college, but was engaged in secular pursuits till he was more than 30 years old. He read theology with Rev. James Tisdale and T. W. Duncan, was ordained March 4, 1840 and died Feb'y 15, 1851, aged 48 years. He married Betsey Washburn of Guildhall, Vt.

Albion, Me. Sept. 1803.

Rev. Daniel Lovejoy was not a graduate of any college. Being an active member of the church in Fairfax,

he was licensed to preach about 1804. He was soon after ordained as an evangelist and labored as a missionary in the scattered settlements of Maine. In September, 1818, he was installed pastor of the church in Robbinston and dismissed in October, 1820. June 6, 1829, he was installed pastor of four churches,-Albion, Unity, Washington and Windsor, and preached in each place every fourth Sabbath. He continued to do so till he died, August 11, 1833, aged 58 years. His widow died at the residence of her son in Illinois in 1857.

Rev. Isaac E. Wilkins 1842-1845 (See Fairfield)

Alburgh, Vt. 1822

Alexander, Me. Nov. 7, 1854.

Alexandria, N.H. 1788

Rev. Enoch Whipple of Danvers, Mass., graduated at Harvard in 1779 and was ordained July 3, 1788. He was dismissed in 1794 and the church became extinct. Mr. Whipple preached at Alton in 1797 and 1798. A Congregational church was again organized in this place in 1823, which became extinct in 1841.

Alford, Mass., 1779.

Rev. Joseph Avery, 1779-1787 (See Monterey)

The church became extinct when Mr. Avery left, chiefly in consequence of the Shay's Rebellion. A new church

was organized August 13, 1846.

Alfred, Me. Sept. 1791.

This was a parish of Sanford till 1794.

Rev. John Turner, 1791 -1804 (See Kingston)

Rev. Joseph Brown, 1805-9 (See Acton)

Alna, Me. Sept. 1796.

Rev. Jonathan Ward, son of Rev. Nathan Ward of Plymouth, N.H., graduated at Dartmouth in 1792, studied theology with Dr. Emmons, and was ordained pastor of this church in 1796. He resigned in 1815. He preached in his native place from 1818 to 1829 and at Brentwood from 1829 to 1833. He resided at Brentwood till he died, February 24, 1860, aged 91 years and 6 months. He was a man of eminent piety, a thorough Biblical scholar, Calvinistic in doctrine, and filled up his days with usefulness. He married Philena G. Whitaker and had four children.

Rev. Samuel Johnson of Georgetown, Mass., graduated at Bowdoin in 1817 and was ordained Nov. 24, 1818. He was dismissed May 24, 1828, installed at Saco Nov. 5 of the same year, dismissed in 1836, and died at Hallowell Nov. 16, 1837, aged 44 years.

Rev. Moses T. Harris, 1830-32

Rev. Enos Merrill, 1834-41 (See Freeport)

Rev. Samuel Talbot, of Freeport, Me., graduated at Bowdoin in 1824 and at Andover in 1831. He was pastor of

the church in Wilton from 1832 to 1842, and was installed pastor of this church October 8 of the last named year. He died suddenly Nov. 15, 1859, aged 58 years and 10 months. He was conscientious, benevolent and self denying; these lovely traits, with but ordinary intellectual endowments, made him a highly respected, useful and successful minister.

Alstead, N.H. 1777.

Rev. Jacob Mann of Wrentham, Mass. graduated at Brown in 1774 and was ordained in February, 1782. They gave him a settlement of thirty pounds, the land reserved for the first minister, and a salary of sixty pounds, to be increased ten pounds every seven years. He was dismissed in May, 1789, in consequence of his erroneous and unsettled sentiments. He died April 18, 1826, aged 80 years.

Rev. Samuel Mead of Rochester, Mass., graduated at Harvard in 1787 and was ordained June 15, 1791. He was an Arminian in doctrine. They gave him a settlement of two hundred pounds and a salary of seventy-five pounds, which was raised to eighty pounds. He was dismissed April 28, 1797, on account of his unsettled doctrinal views, and appears not to have been re-settled. He died March 18, 1818, aged 53 years. He has been confounded by some with Rev. Samuel Mead of Danvers, Mass.

Alstead, East Parish, Nov. 20, 1788.

It was composed at first of those who were dissatisfied with Mr. Mann.

Rev. Levi Lankton of Southington, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1777 and was ordained Sept. 2, 1789. He was slow of speech and had a feeble voice, but the matter of his discourses was always good. He was a good man and sowed seed which bore much fruit, though not till he had left the place. He was dismissed in June, 1823 on account of ill health, resided some years with his daughter in Westborough, Mass., and finally removed to Marietta, Ohio, where he died in 1843, aged about 85.

Alstead, Paper Mill Village, Aug. 3, 1842.

Alton, N.H., Nov. 7, 1827.

Amesbury, Mass. (Hill) 1672.

Rev. Thomas Wells of Ipswich was not a graduate of any college. His father, in a will made in 1666, bequeathed to him two hundred and fifty pounds to be paid when he was 22 years, 4 months and 10 days old, and provided for the contingency of his going to college. He received from Harvard in 1703 the honorary degree of A.M., the first ever conferred by that institution. He was settled in 1672 and continued in office till he died, July 10, 1734, in the 87th. year of his age. He married

Mary Parker of Newbury.

Rev. Edmund March of Newbury graduated at Harvard in 1722 and was ordained colleague pastor July 3, 1728. He resigned in March, 1743 and seems not to have been settled again. He died in Newbury March 6, 1791, aged 88 years.

Rev. Elisha Odlin, son of Rev. John Odlin of Exeter, N.H., graduated at Harvard in 1731 and was ordained in 1744. He died Jan'y 21, 1752, aged 41 years.

Rev. Thomas Hibbert of Rowley graduated at Harvard in 1748 and was ordained Nov. 6, 1754. He had some difficulty with the people and withdrew with a few friends, who built another house in which he preached about five years and died in September, 1793, aged 66 years.

Rev. Benjamin Bell of Dutchess County, New York, graduated at Yale in 1779 and was ordained Oct. 13, 1784. He was dismissed in March, 1790. In November of that year he was installed pastor of the church in Windsor, Vt., and that part of the church in Cornish, N.H. that worshipped at the North meeting house. He was dismissed in April, 1795 and preached a few years in the state of New York. He published at Utica in 1813 a small volume of Strictures on Methodism

and in 1815 a volume of sermons. He returned to Amesbury and died there in 1836, aged 84 years.

Rev. Stephen Hull, 1799-1811 (See Raynham)

West Church (Amesbury) May 19, 1726.

Rev. Paine Wingate of Hampton, N.H. graduated at Harvard in 1723 and was ordained June 15, 1726. He continued in office till he died, Feb'y 17, 1786, aged 86 years. He married Mary Balch and had 12 children. His son, Paine Wingate, Jr., was pastor of the church at Hampton Falls, N.H.

Rev. Francis Welch of Plaistow, N.H. graduated at Harvard in 1787, studied theology with Dr. Cummings of Billerica, and was ordained June 3, 1789. He died Dec. 15, 1793, aged 28 years.

Rev. David Smith of Ipswich graduated at Harvard in 1790, studied theology with Dr. Dana of Ipswich, preached for a time as a missionary in the new settlements, and was installed here Jan'y 28, 1795. He was dismissed May 22, 1800, taught school in Salem, resided in Bath, N.H., and finally removed to Portland, Me., where he died May 19, 1837, aged 76 years.

Rev. Samuel Mead, 1804-18. (See South Danvers)

Rev. Peter S. Eaton of Boxford graduated at Harvard in 1818 and at Andover in 1822. He was ordained pastor of this church Sept. 20, 1826 and con-

timued in office till 1837, when he resigned. He resided in Chelsea after his dismission and was employed as an agent. He died March 13, 1863, in the 65th. year of his age.

Rev. Lucius W. Clarke of Mansfield, Ct., graduated at Brown in 1825, studied theology with Dr. Ide of Medway, was ordained pastor of the church in South Wilbraham Dec. 9, 1829, and dismissed Sept. 18, 1832. He preached as stated supply of the Fifth Church in Plymouth four years and was installed over this church in October, 1838. He was dismissed in 1842 and removed to Middlebury, Vt. He preached occasionally as his health would permit and died there Jan'y 2, 1854, aged 53 years. He married Lucy B., daughter of Rev. D. Tomlinson of Oakham, by whom he had two children. He was a man of small stature, meek, exemplary and beloved by all who knew him.

Amesbury Mills, Dec. 6, 1831.

Amesbury and Salisbury, Oct. 14, 1835.

Amherst, Mass. Nov. 7, 1739.

It was then the East Parish of Hadley.

Rev. David Parsons,- son of Rev. D. Parsons of Malden, graduated at Harvard in 1729 and was ordained the day the church was gathered. He continued in office till he died, January 1, 1781, aged 69 years. He married Eunice Wells of Wethersfield, Ct., by whom he had nine children. He was a man highly esteemed.

Rev. David Parsons, son of the preceding, graduated at Harvard in 1771 and was ordained Oct. 2, 1782. In 1800 he received the degree of D.D. from Brown. He was an excellent sermonizer and possessed uncommon pulpit talents. He was an exceedingly jovial man when among his friends, full of wit and good humor. He was sensible of his fault, but seemed not to be able to discern between drollery and seriousness. When lamenting his infirmity and confessing his fault, he would often use a witticism or some laughable expression to convey his idea. He resigned in 1820 and died suddenly at Wethersfield, Ct. May 18, 1823, aged 74 years. He married Harriet Williams of Wethersfield, Ct., by whom he had eleven children. One of his daughters was the wife of Rev. Marcus Smith, one of Rev. Royal Washburn, and another of Rev. Silas Aikin, D.D.

Rev. Daniel A. Clark of Rahway, N.J. graduated at vNassau Hall in 1808, studied theology at Andover, was settled at Weymouth from 1811 to 1813; at Southbury, Ct. from 1816 to 1819; at Amherst from 1820 to 1824; at Bennington, Vt. from 1826 to 1830; and for a time in Adams, N.Y. He was a man of talent and wrote with great foroe. He was the author of the tract,- "The Church Safe." Three volumes of his works have been published. He was a man of great ardor; his style

perhaps had too many figures drawn from battle fields, that gave it too much of a military character. He was unable to preach a few of the last years of his life in consequence of a paralytic shock. He died at Brooklyn, N.Y. of apoplexy, March 3, 1840, aged 64 years. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Dr. Jeremiah Barker of Gorham, Me.

Rev. Royal Washburn, son of Rev. Azel Washburn of Royalton, Vt., graduated at Vermont University in 1821, studied theology at Andover and was ordained Jan'y 24, 1826. He married a daughter of Dr. Parsons and died of consumption Jan'y 1, 1833, in the 36th. year of his age. He was a good preacher and a man of talent.

Rev. Micaiah T. Adams, 1833-34.

Rev. Josiah Bent, 1837-39 (See Weymouth)

Amherst, Mass., East Church, Oct. 28, 1782.

Rev. Ichabod Draper of Dedham graduated at Harvard in 1733 and was ordained Jan'y 25, 1785. He was dismissed Oct. 12, 1809, but continued to reside here till he died in 1827, aged 72 years.

Rev. Nathan Perkins, son of Rev. Dr. Perkins of West Hartford, Ct., graduated at Yale in 1795, studied law and practiced in Hartford. He afterward studied theology and was ordained Oct. 10, 1810. He

died March 28, 1842, aged 64 years. His disease was croup and his death very sudden. He was a good man, a good pastor and an interesting preacher. He was twice married and one of his daughters married a clergyman.

Rev. Pomeroy Belden, of Whately, graduated at Amherst in 1833, studied theology at Andover, and preached a few years as stated supply to an evangelical church gathered in Old Deerfield. He was installed at Amherst Sept. 14, 1842 and continued there till he died, March 2, 1849, in the 38th. year of his age. He was a good man and a useful pastor. He was ordained as an evangelist at Warwick in 1839.

North Church (Amherst), Nov. 15, 1826.

Rev. William W. Hunt of Belchertown graduated at Williams College in 1820, at Andover in 1824, and was ordained March 7, 1827. He died of consumption Oct. 5, 1837, aged 41 years. He was a good writer, somewhat poetical, a good man and an interesting preacher. He married Caroline Ducher and left several children.

Rev. George Cooke, 1839-52.

Rev. George E. Fisher, 1852-58

Rev. John W. Underhill of Ipswich graduated at Amherst in 1854 and was ordained Oct. 5, 1859. In 1862, his health being poor and his physicians recommending a season of respite from labor, he went to Europe and was gone three months.

On his return home he was taken severely sick and lived only a week after reaching Amherst. He died Oct. 18, 1862, aged 33 years.

South Church (Amherst) Oct. 14, 1824

Rev. Horace B. Chapin, 1825-29 (See Westhampton)

Rev. Aaron Gates of East Haddam, Ct., graduated at Williams College in 1804, studied theology with Dr. Lathrop of West Springfield, was ordained at Montague Oct. 27, 1807 and dismissed Dec. 12, 1827. He was pastor of this church from Feb. 1, 1832 to April 1, 1835, of the church in East Hartland, Ct. six years, and of that in West Hartland three years. He died at the letter place April 4, 1850, aged 69 years. He was a judicious, evangelical and faithful pastor. His manner was affectionate and often emotional.

College Church (Amherst) 1826

Amherst, N.H. Sept. 22, 1741

Rev. Daniel Wilkins of Middleton, Mass., graduated at Harvard in 1736 and was ordained the day after the church was organized. The sermon was preached by Rev. Stephen Chase of Newcastle. His salary was 47 pounds, 10 shillings. He continued in office till he died, Feb. 11, 1783, in the 73rd. year of his age. He was considered a man of respectable talents and contributed greatly to the prosperity of the town. He had ten children; Daniel

was a captain in the Revolution and John graduated at Harvard in 1764.

Rev. Jeremiah Barnard of Bolton, Mass., graduated at Harvard in 1773 and was ordained colleague pastor March 3, 1780. In 1814 his health became impaired and in 1816 he had a colleague. He continued his pastoral relation to the church till he died, Jan'y 15, 1835, aged 84 years.

Amherst, Me. Sept. 14, 1830.

This church embraced within its limits the township of Aurora.

Andover, N.H. Oct. 30, 1782.

Rev. Josiah Badcock of Milton, Mass., graduated at Harvard in 1772 and was ordained the day the church was organized. He continued in office till July 13, 1809, when he was dismissed. He did not settle again and died Dec. 9, 1831, aged 80 years. The church became nearly extinct and was merged in a sort of Union Society. Jan'y 13, 1829 a new church was organized that had a pastor two years. This became extinct and there was a third organization June 25, 1841.

Andover, Mass. Oct. 17, 1711.

This was the Second Church till 1855, when the First Parish became a town called North Andover.

Rev. Samuel Phillips, the first minister of this parish, was a native of Salem and graduated at Harvard in 1708. He began to preach here in 1710 and was ordained the day the church was organized. He was a diligent, faithful and useful minister, a Calvinist of the old school. He was a man of great industry and economy and devoted one tenth of his income to charitable purposes. He visited every house in his parish once a year and generally took his wife with him, riding behind him on the same horse. The people were remarkably united and free from sectarianism. He was a man of considerable humor, yet there was an apparent sternness which caused the young to stand in fear of him. He published about twenty sermons and tracts. He died June 5, 1771, in the 82nd. year of his age. He married Hannah White of Haverhill and had five children. His three sons were eminent men. (See Taylor's Memoir of Lieut. Governor Phillips).

Rev. Jonathan French of Braintree graduated at Harvard in 1771 and, having studied theology at Cambridge, was ordained Sept. 22, 1772. He continued here till his death, July 28, 1809, aged 70 years. He married Abigail Richards of Weymouth, by whom he had four children. His son Jonathan became a minister and two of his daughters married ministers. He was a man of great energy and perseverance, a good man, useful and beloved.

Rev. Justin Edwards of Westhampton graduated at Williams College in 1810, at Andover in 1812, and was ordained pastor of this church Dec. 3 of the last named year. He was dismissed Oct. 1, 1827 to become the first pastor of Salem St. Church in Boston, over which he was installed Jan'y 1, 1828 and dismissed Aug. 30, 1829. He became then Secretary of the American Temperance Union. From 1836 to 1842 he was President of the Theological Seminary at Andover and then Secretary of the American Sabbath Union. By his publications and public addresses he greatly promoted the cause of temperance and did more to promote the better observance of the Sabbath than any other man. From the beginning he was on the Executive Committee of the American Tract Society and was the deviser of many of its plans of usefulness. His publications are numerous. At the time of his death he was engaged in preparing a Family Commentary of the Bible, to be published by the Tract Society. He finished the New Testament and about half of the Old. He died at Sulphur Springs, Va., where he went for the benefit of his health, July 23, 1853, aged 66 years. His remains are interred in the cemetery belonging to the Theological Seminary at Andover. He married Lydia Bigelow, of Colchester, Ct.

Andover, Mass., West Church, Dec. 5, 1826.

Rev. Charles H. Pierce, born in Peru Nov. 29,

1822, graduated at Oberlin in 1845 and, having taught two years, graduated at Andover in 1850. He was an earnest Christian, fond of labor and a good teacher. He was ordained pastor of this church Oct. 9, 1850. In 1855 he resigned and went west, where he remained till 1861 when, on account of the death of his wife, he returned to New England and was installed pastor of the 2nd. Church in Millbury Oct. 22, 1862, and remained there till he died, Oct. 5, 1865, aged almost 43 years. He married (1) Mary R. Bigelow of North Braintree; and (2) Elizabeth W. Goffe, granddaughter of Rev. Joseph Goffe, a former pastor of Millbury. He was a ready writer and speaker, a devoted Christian and filled up his days with usefulness.

Andover, Mass., Free Church, 1846.

Andover, Mass., Ballardvale, Dec. 31, 1854.

Andover, Mass., Theological Seminary, Aug. 20, 1816.

Andover, Maine., Nov. 1800.

Rev. John Strickland of Hadley, Mass., graduated at Yale in 1761 and was ordained pastor of the church in Oakham, Mass. April 1, 1768. He was dismissed June 2, 1773 and was pastor of a Presbyterian church in Hudson, N.H. from 1774 to 1782. He was settled at Turner, Me. Sept. 20, 1784 and dismissed May 18, 1797. On March 12, 1805 he was installed pastor of this church and continued

in office till he died, Oct. 4, 1823, in the 84th. year of his age.

Andover, Ct. Feb'y 24, 1749.

Rev. Samuel Lockwood, a native of Norwalk, graduated at Yale in 1745 and was ordained the day after the church was gathered. His brother, Rev. James Lockwood of Wethersfield, preached his ordination sermon. In 1790 he received the degree of D.D. from Yale. His system of theology was that contained in the Assembly's Catechism. He was dignified in his appearance, his eye keen and piercing and his countenance expressive of intelligence. He wrote his sermons in full. He was not an attractive preacher, but a very useful man, full of good sense, and his opinions were clearly and frankly expressed. He died at the Springs in New Lebanon, N.Y., where he went for the benefit of his health, June 18, 1791, in the 70th. year of his age.

Rev. Royal Tyler of Uxbridge, Mass,, graduated at Dartmouth in 1788 and was ordained in July, 1792. The sermon was preached by Dr. Emmons, his theological instructor. He was dismissed in May, 1817 and in 1818 installed over the church in Salem, Ct. He was again dismissed in 1824, but continued to reside there till he died, April 10, 1826, aged 62 years. He was a man of winning manners and obliging disposition. He had a fine loud voice, used no gestures except occasionally

lifting his hand; his sermons were short and full of repetitions. He had several revivals in his parish. He married Lydia Watson of Thompson, by whom he had eight children.

Mr. Tyler was a zealous politician and on Fast and Thanksgiving days took special pains to show his political opponents their sins.

Anscn, Me. April 1804.

Antrim, N.H. August, 1788.

This is a Presbyterian church.

Rev. Walter Fullerton of Peterborough graduated at Dartmouth in 1796 and was ordained Sept. 3, 1800. He was dismissed in 1804 and removed to Hebron, N.Y., where he preached a few years, went to Maryland and died in 1815, aged 41 years.

Rev. John M. Whiton of Winchendon, Mass., graduated at Yale in 1805 and was ordained Sept. 28, 1808. He resigned his pastoral charge Jan'y 1, 1853. He supplied destitute churches in the vicinity as his health would permit. He died at Antrim suddenly, Sept. 1856, in the 72nd. year of his age. He received the degree of D.D. from Nassau Hall. He published a history of New Hampshire and of Antrim, and at the time of his death was preparing a history of Presbyterianism in New

England. One of his daughters was the wife of Rev. Josiah Ballard.

Arlington, Vt. Nov. 2, 1843.

Ashburnham, Mass. April 23, 1760.

Rev. Jonathan Winchester of Brookline graduated at Harvard in 1737 and was ordained the day the church was organized, being 44 years old. How he was employed during the 23 years between his graduation and ordination I do not know. He died Nov. 26, 1767, aged 51 years.

Rev. John Cushing, son of Rev. Job Cushing of Shrewsbury, graduated at Harvard in 1764 and was ordained Nov. 2, 1768. He continued in office till he died April 27, 1823, aged 79 years. He received the degree of D.D. from Harvard the year before he died. He was a respectable and judicious pastor and the author of several publications. He married Sarah, daughter of Rev. Ebenezer Parkman and had five children.

Rev. George Perkins of Norwich, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1803 and was pastor of this church from Feb'y 1824 to July, 1833. He was afterwards pastor of the church at Jewett City in Griswold, Ct., and afterwards removed to Norwich and supplied vacant parishes till he died in 1852, aged about 70 years. He was a worthy man

and a faithful minister of the Gospel.

Ashburnham, Mass., North Church, June 29, 1860.

Ashby, Mass. June 12, 1776.

Rev. Samuel Whitman of Weymouth graduated at Harvard in 1775, was ordained in August, 1778 and dismissed Dec. 23, 1787. He was installed first pastor of the church in Goshen in Jan'y 1788 and dismissed July 15, 1818. He published a pamphlet entitled "An Impartial History of the Church and People in Goshen in the Dismission of their Minister." He had a printing office and I suppose printed the History himself. He was a man of some talent and has left some printed sermons. He died Dec. 18, 1826, aged 75 years.

Rev. Cornelius Waters of Millbury graduated at Dartmouth in 1774 and was pastor of the church in Goffstown, N.H. from Dec. 1781 to May, 1795, and of this church from June 14, 1797 to Feb'y 14, 1816. He continued to reside in the town till he died, July 30, 1824, aged 77 years.

Rev. John M. Putnam, 1820 - 1826

Rev. Albert B. Camp, 1827 - 1832

Rev. Orsamus Tinker of Worthington graduated at Williams College in 1827, at Andover in 1830, and was ordained at Newmarket, N.H. Dec. 8, 1830. He was dismissed

Oct. 29, 1833 and installed here Jan'y 1, 1834, and died in office after an illness of a few days, Oct. 13, 1838, aged 37 years. Mr. Tinker was a man of unblemished character and devoted to the work of preaching Christ and Him crucified.

Ashfield, Mass. Feb'y 22, 1763

Rev. Jacob Sherwin of Hebron, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1759 and was ordained the day after the church was organized. He was dismissed May 17, 1774, but continued to reside in the place a few years and was a Justice of Peace and Town Clerk. During his ministry there was a contest between the Congregationalists and Baptists respecting a lot of land of several hundred acres, which was to be the property of the religious society that first had a settled minister. It was decided by the court in favor of the Congregationalists. Mr. Sherwin finally removed to Sunderland, Vt. and was there installed pastor March 18, 1790. Two churches had been formed in different parts of that town and a lot of land had been given to the church that should first have a settled minister. The other society called Mr. Lee, who was afterwards settled at Colebrook, Ct. Both pastors were settled on the same day and both churches claimed the land. It was decided by the court that Mr. Sherwin's ordination preceded that

of Mr. Lee two minutes and his church had the land. Some of the best men left the place to avoid the expenses of the law suit, which were more to each party than the land was worth. Mr. Sherwin died Jan'y 7, 1803, in the 67th. year of his age, having been unable to preach for several years previous.

Rev. Nehemiah Porter 1774-1820 (See Essex)

Rev. Alvan Sanderson of Whately graduated at Williams College in 1802, studied theology with Drs. Hyde of Lee and Lyman of Hatfield, and was installed colleague pastor June 22, 1808, having been ordained the year previous as an evangelist at Westhampton for the purpose of engaging in missionary labor in the new settlements. In 1814 he bled at the lungs and died of consumption June 22, 1817, in the 37th. year of his age. He was never married. He accumulated some property, left $900. for benevolent objects and about $2,000. for an academy in that town, which was called "Sanderson Academy". He was a good pastor, an able preacher and a man very highly esteemed.

Ashford, Ct. Nov. 26, 1718.

Rev. James Hale, son of Rev. John Hale of Beverly, Mass., graduated at Harvard in 1703 and was ordained Nov. 26, 1718. He continued in office till he died, Nov. 22, 1742, being 57 years old. He married Sarah Hathaway and

had two sons, one of which survived him. He was a good man and much respected.

Rev. John Bass of Braintree, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1737 and was ordained May 10, 1743. He was dismissed in 1751 and preached as stated supply to the First Church in Providence, R.I. from 1752 to 1758, when he retired from the ministry and spent the remainder of his life in Providence in the practice of medicine. He died Oct. 17, 1762, aged 63 years. He was not sound in faith. He published several pamphlets relative to his dismission. He married Mary Danielson of Killingly, by whom he had six children.

Rev. Timothy Allen of Norwich graduated at Yale in 1736, was pastor of the church in Orange from 1738 to 1742, and of this church from 1751 to 1765. He was then pastor of the church in Chesterfield, Mass. from 1785 to 1796 and continued to reside in the place till he died, March 14, 1806, aged 91 years, a venerable and worthy man. He was a New Light, as the stirring and animated preachers of those days were called. While at Norwich he was at the head of a theological school called "The Shepherd's Tent". He married (1) Mary Bishop, by whom he had 6 children, and (2) Mrs. Dorothy (Gallop) Reed.

Rev. James Messinger, probably son of Rev. Henry Messinger of Wrentham, Mass., graduated at Harvard in 1762

and was pastor of this church from Feb'y 16, 1769 till he died, Jan'y 6, 1783, aged 45 years. He married Elizabeth Fisher and had no children.

Rev. Enoch Pond of Wrentham, Mass. graduated at Brown in 1777, was an officer in the army for a time, and afterwards taught school in Boston with good success. He studied theology with Dr. Emmons of Franklin and was ordained pastor of this church Sept. 16, 1789. He continued in office till he died of consumption, August 6, 1807, in the 52nd. year of his age. He married (1) Miss Margaret Smith of Wrentham, by whom he had 9 children, and (2) Mrs. Mary Baker of Roxbury, Mass. He fitted many scholars for college and had some students in theology. He was a kind and affectionate man, a fluent speaker and a useful minister.

Ashford, Ct., Westford Parish, Feb. 11, 1768.

Rev. Ebenezer Martyn, 1768-77 (See Becket)

Rev. Elisha Hutchinson of Sharon graduated at Dartmouth in 1775 and was ordained March 19, 1778. He was dismissed in September, 1783 and installed at Pomfret, Vt. Dec. 14, 1784. He was dismissed Jan'y 8, 1797 in consequence of some difficulty about the location of a meeting house. He engaged in secular business for a time, and while residing at Colerain, Mass. became a Baptist. After residing in Pennsylvania and in the

state of New York, he removed to Newport, N.H., where he died in April, 1833, aged 83 years. He married (1) Jerusha Cadwell of this parish, and (2) _____* _____. He was the father of 15 children.

Rev. William Storrs of Mansfield graduated at Dartmouth in 1788, studied theology with Dr. Welch of Mansfield, and was ordained Nov. 10, 1790. He continued in office till he died, Nov. 30, 1824, aged 64 years. He was a successful minister and much esteemed. He married Abigail Freeman Hovey and had 6 children.

Rev. Luke Wood of Somers graduated at Dartmouth in 1803, studied theology with Dr. Emmons, and was ordained at Waterbury, Oct. 30, 1808. He was dismissed Nov. 19, 1817 in consequence of a severe sickness. He labored as a missionary in the new settlements, when able to preach, till he was installed here Dec. 13, 1826. He was dismissed at his own request Sept. 12, 1831. He was pastor at Clinton from Oct. 1831 to 1836, at Queechee Village, Hartford, Vt., from Aug. 26, 1835 to 1838, in which year he was installed at West Hartland. He continued in the latter place but a short time when he removed to Somers, preaching occasionally and making himself generally useful, till he died, Aug. 22, 1851, aged 74 years. He married Anne Pease of Somers and had 11

* List of Dartmouth Alumni gives his second wife as Martha Eddy.

children.

Ashland, Mass., January 22, 1835.

This is a new town formed from Hopkinton, Hollis-ton and Framingham. It was incorporated in 1846. It was at first called the church in Unionville.

Athol, Mass. August 29, 1750.

Rev. James Humphrey of Dorchester graduated at Harvard in 1744 and was ordained Nov. 7, 1750. He re-ceived and accepted a call to become their pastor prior to the organization of the church. The salary offered was fifty pounds and a settlement of sixty-six pounds. He married Miss Esther Wiswall of Dorchester. After he had been settled about 20 years it was voted that the practice of lining the hymns should be given up and the singers be requested to furnish themselves with hymn books. This was the nucleus of a difficulty that resulted in the organization of a Baptist church, and in the dismission of Mr. Humphrey February 13, 1782. He was not much of a theologian; it is supposed he belonged to the Arminian school. He continued to reside there till he died, May 8, 1796, aged 73 years.

Rev. Joseph Estabrook of Lexington graduated at Harvard in 1782 and was ordained Nov. 21, 1787. He married Miss Lucy Cushing of Pembroke. He studied theol-ogy with Rev. Jonas Clarke in his native town. He was

a man of ability, was affable, courteous and highly esteemed by the people. He was not a great student, nor a well read theologian, yet he was a very acceptable preacher. He carefully avoided all disputed points in theology. In regard to his doctrinal views he often said,- I am neither a Trinitarian nor a Unitarian, but I am a Bibletarian." He died April 13, 1830, aged 72 years. After his death the orthodox portion of the church and society withdrew;- I suppose, from the fact that in the Minutes of the General Association they retain the date of the original organization of the church, it was not reorganized. They settled a pastor in 1831.

Athens, Me. April 21, 1836.

Atkinson, N.H., Nov. 25, 1772.

Rev. Stephen Peabody of Andover, Mass., graduated at Harvard in 1769 and was ordained Nov. 25, 1772. His second wife was the widow of Rev. John Shaw of Haverhill, Mass., a daughter of Rev. William Smith of Weymouth, Mass., and a sister of the wife of President Adams. He continued in the ministry till he died, May 23, 1819, aged 77 years, leaving one son and one daughter.

Rev. Luke A. Spofford of Jaffrey graduated at Middlebury in 1815, studied theology with Dr. Payson

of Rindge, was pastor of the church in Gilmanton from 1819 to 1825, of Brentwood from 1826 to 1829, of Lancaster from 1829 to 1831, and was installed pastor of this church April 18, 1832. He was dismissed Jan'y 20, 1834. He was pastor at Scituate, Mass., from 1835 to 1836. He removed to Amherst that he might board his sons while in college, and was then pastor of the church in Chilmark from 1842 to 1845, when he removed to Indiana and died at Rockville Oct. 10, 1855, in the 70th. year of his age. He married Grata Rand of Rindge, N.H., by whom he had several children. He was a man of sincere piety and filled up his days with usefulness.

Rev. Samuel H. Tolman of Dorchester, Mass. graduated at Dartmouth in 1806 and studied medicine, the profession of his father. He became pious, studied theology with Rev. John M. Whiton, D.D. of Antrim and was ordained pastor of the church in Shirley, Mass., Oct. 25, 1815. He continued just three years and was pastor of the church in Dunstable, Mass. from June, 1822 to January, 1829, and at South Merrimac from January, 1831 to 1836. He was pastor of this church from 1837 to 1839. He afterwards preached as a missionary in Vermont and Maine. He died here April 20, 1856, aged 75 years. His death was oc-

casioned by a fall. He was sound in doctrine, a serious Christian and a useful minister.

Rev. Samuel Pierce, not a graduate of any college, was ordained pastor of the church April 19, 1843 and died in less than a year, March 27, 1844, aged 27 years. He was much respected and beloved.

Atkinson, Me. March 2, 1842

Attleborough, Mass. Nov. 12, 1712.

Rev. Matthew Short, the first minister, graduated at Harvard in 1707 and was ordained Nov. 12, 1712. Difficulties arose between him and his people soon after his settlement and he was dismissed May 31, 1715. He married his wife in Attleborough. He was afterwards the first minister of Easton and died in office there in 1731, aged about 45.

Rev. Ebenezer White, a native of Dorchester, graduated at Harvard in 1704. He preached here a year previous to the settlement of Mr. Short and was ordained Oct. 17, 1716. He continued in office until his death, Sept. 4, 1726, aged 41 years. So far as appears he gave general satisfaction. The parish voted in 1710 that the minister who should continue there seven years should be the owner of the ministerial lands and house. Mr. White fulfilled the conditions and became the owner

of the property.

Rev. Habijah Weld, son of Rev. Thomas Weld of Nashua, N.H., graduated at Harvard in 1723 and was ordained Oct. 1, 1727. "He united to an uncommon degree the affections of his people". He was highly respected at home and abroad. He was below the middle stature and in the latter part of his life corpulent. His constitution was vigorous and his mind almost singularly energetic. With a salary of $220. and the use of a lot which afforded him wood and pasturage, and a farm of 70 acres of his own, he was able to live comfortably, though he had 15 children, 11 of whom lived to be married. These children he educated well for those times, entertained a great deal of company, and had something to give to those who were in want. He was very systematic. Breakfast was on the table precisely at six, dinner at twelve and supper at six. After supper he made no visits, nor permitted any of his family to do so. He observed the Sabbath with great strictness. He was a man of evident temper, but had so much self control that he is not known to have uttered an improper word or to have done an imprudent act. He gave no indulgence to any vice, but reproved all sins with undeviating severity. He was eminent for his piety; his prayers were pertinent,

solemn and impressive. He was never detained from his pulpit or from any pastoral duty by sickness. On the last day of his life he rode to Providence and returned in the afternoon, told his wife he felt unwell, sat down by the window and died, May 14, 1782, aged 80 years. He married Mary, the daughter of Rev. John Fox of Woburn.

Rev. John Wilder of Templeton graduated at Dartmouth in 1784, studied theology with Dr. Hart of Preston, Ct., and was ordained Jan'y 27, 1790. He was dismissed Nov. 28, 1822, but continued to reside here till he died, Feb'y 9, 1836, aged 78 years. He was a man of strong mental powers and of sound judgment; his sermons were able, clear and well written. He married (1) Esther Tyler of Preston, Ct., and (2) Mrs. Elizabeth Austin of New Hartford, Ct., a sister of Dr. Griffin. He had twelve children, one of whom, John, was a minister at Cambridgeport.

Attleborough, Mass. Second, or East Church, Nov. 30, 1748.

Rev. Peter Thacher, son of Rev. Peter Thacher of Middleborough, graduated at Harvard in 1737, commenced preaching here in August, 1743 and was ordained Nov. 30, 1748. His salary was four hundred pounds per annum, Old Tenor. He married a daughter of Obadiah Carpenter of this town, by whom he had ten children. He was dis-

missed on account of ill health Oct. 26, 1784. He had an attack of paralysis of which he died, Sept. 13, 1785, aged 70 years. He published a sermon on the death of Mr. Weld and a small volume of his sermons was published after his decease.

Rev. Ebenezer Lazell of Bridgewater graduated at Brown in 1788 and was ordained Nov. 21, 1792. He was dismissed January 3, 1797. He removed to the state of New York and died previous to 1838, aged about 70 years.

Rev. Nathan Holman of Millbury graduated at Brown in 1797, studied theology with Rev. E. Mills of Sutton, and was ordained Oct. 15, 1800. He asked a dismission, which he obtained contrary to the wishes of his people May 22,1821. He still resided in the place when he died, Oct. 28, 1844, aged 75 years. He married Lettice Morey of Norton, by whom he had three children. He published several sermons and addresses. He was a Hopkinsian, an able minister, kind, benevolent and much beloved. He labored much in revivals of religion.

Rev. John Ferguson, 1822-35 (See Whately)

Attleborough, Hebronville, South Attleborough, Dec. 25, 1827.

The meeting house stood upon the line between Attleborough and Seekonk. The church has become extinct.

Rev. Thomas Williams, 1828-1852

Rev. Charles Simmons of Paris Hill, Oneida County, New York, was a blacksmith by trade, spent his early life in the family of Rev. Dr. Weeks of Paris Hill, studied with him and was not a graduate of any college. He was ordained Dec. 26, 1832 and dismissed Oct. 21, 1838. He preached as stated supply in North Scituate and Wareham. He resided in North Wrentham, was agent some time for Emmon's Works, published a Scripture Manual which had a large sale, and a Manual of Maxims. He married Miss Eliza Perrigo of North Wrentham, by whom he had two children. He was a good man, a strong Hopkensian, and died May 12, 1856, aged 57 years.

Auburn, Mass., January 25, 1776

This was the South Parish of Worcester prior to 1778. It was called Ward till 1837, when its name was changed to Auburn.

Rev. Isaac Bailey of Holden was not a graduate of any college. He was ordained Nov. 3, 1784 and died April 10, 1814, aged 61 years.

Auburn, Me. May 1, 1844

Auburn, N.H. As early as 1734.

This was the West Parish of Chester till 1845, when it became a town. The church was Presbyterian till 1843.

Rev. John Wilson of Ulster, Ireland, was ordained in 1734 and continued in office till he died, Feb'y 1, 1779, aged 76 years. After his death the church depended on stated supplies for many years. Salary 100 pounds. He was a quiet man, studied his sermons carefully and took no interest in the affairs of the town.

Rev. Zacheus Colby of Newton graduated at Dartmouth in 1777, was ordained pastor of the church in Pembroke March 22, 1786, and was dismissed May 11, 1803. He was installed pastor of this church Oct. 13, 1803. He had an attack of paralysis, which rendered him infirm, and he was dismissed in 1809. He resided in the place till he died, Aug. 10, 1838, aged 75 years. He was a man much respected and beloved.

Augusta, Me. 1786.

Rev. Isaac Foster, son of Rev. Isaac Foster of Stafford, Ct., graduated at Yale in 1776 and was ordained Oct. 11, 1786. He was dismissed in Sept. 1789 for immoral conduct and died in 1794, aged about

40 years.

The church became extinct and was reorganized in October, 1794.

Rev. Daniel Stone of Lincoln, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1791 and was ordained Oct. 21, 1795. He was dismissed in June, 1809. He died in May, 1834, aged 68 years, of ossification of the heart.

Rev. Benjamin Tappan, son of Rev. David Tappan of Newbury, Mass., graduated at Harvard in 1805 at the age of 17 years. He spent some time in teaching and was tutor in Bowdoin College two years. While there he made a public profession of religion and probably studied theology with President Appleton. He was ordained pastor of this church Oct. 16, 1811. He continued in office till 1849 when, at the urgent request of his brethren, he became Secretary of the Maine Missionary Society, which office he filled till he died, Dec. 22, 1863, aged 75 years. He resided in Augusta all his pastoral and public life. He married Elizabeth B.T.Winthrop and had six children; one son is a clergyman and two of his daughters married clergymen. He received the degree of D.D. from Waterville College in 1836 and from Bowdoin in 1845. He was a useful and beloved minister of Christ; his praise is in all the churches of Maine.

Augusta, Me. North Church, Dec. 23, 1829.

Aurora, Me. Sept. 14, 1830

This small church has preaching a part of the time in connection with Amherst.

Avon, Ct. West Church, Nov. 20, 1751.

This was a parish of Farmington till 1830 and called Northington.

Rev. Ebenezer Booge graduated at Yale in 1748 and was ordained Nov. 27, 1751. His salary was fifty pounds. He died Feb'y 2, 1767, aged 51 years. He had two sons who were ministers.

Rev. Rufus Hawley graduated at Yale in 1767 and was ordained Dec. 7, 1769. His salary was $200. and 20 cords of wood. He continued in office till he died, Jan'y 6, 1826, aged 86 years. He was unable to preach the latter part of his life and had a colleague. He married Mrs. Elizabeth Curtis, daughter of Rev. Gideon Mills of Canton. She died in 1825, aged 72 years.

Rev. Ludovicus Robbins of Mansfield graduated at Middlebury in 1815 and was ordained April 26, 1820. He was dismissed Jan'y 30, 1822. He labored as a missionary in Virginia, Western New York and to the Miami Indians till 1836, when he removed to Michigan, preaching

as his health permitted. He died at Algonac, Aug. 4, 1850, aged 59 years.

Avon, Ct. East Church, March 17, 1819.

Rev. Bela Kellogg of Amherst, Mass., graduated at Williams in 1800, studied theology, but in consequence of the feebleness of his vocal organs devoted himself to teaching, preaching occasionally as he was able. On recovering from the typhus fever his strength was so much greater than before that he devoted himself to preaching and was settled in Brookfield in 1813. He left in 1817 for want of support and was installed pastor of this church Nov. 3, 1819 and dismissed Sept. 2, 1829. He died April 30, 1831, aged 51 years. He married Lydia Candee,* by whom he had six children. He was an ardent man, full of zeal, and had a Christ-like spirit.

Bakersfield, Vt. July, 1811.

Rev. Elderkin J. Boardman of Norwich graduated at Dartmouth in 1815 and at Andover in 1820. He was employed about two years in Chittenden and Franklin Counties, Vt. by the Domestic Missionary Society. He was ordained the first pastor of this church July 4, 1823, and was dismissed July 26, 1826. He was installed at Danville Jan'y 3, 1827 and dismissed Oct. 29, 1832. He was installed at Randolph Aug. 13,

* Spelled also Candy.

1834. His ministry there was opposed by one member of the church. He remained till the spring of 1842, when he was dismissed as a minister in good standing. Many councils, both mutual and ex parte, were called before a dissolution could be effected. He removed to Iowa and died at Marshalltown March 19, 1804, aged almost 73 years. He married (1) Ann Gookin of Haverhill, N.H., by whom he had eleven children; and (2) in 1844 Emily Adams, who died in 1859.

Baldwin, Me. May, 1821.

Rev. Noah Emerson of New Ipswich, N.H. graduated at Middlebury in 1814 and studied theology at Andover. He was a missionary in Maine several years and finally, in 1825, became the pastor of this church. He labored with great fidelity till 1850, when he resigned and removed to Hollis, N.H., the native place of his wife, who was a daughter of Rev. Eli Smith. He was an ardent man and if his health had been sufficient he would have gone as a missionary to the colored people of Jamaica. He gave $100. for a tract on the duty of praying for the slaves. He went in May, 1860 to labor among the Shinnecock Indians on Long Island and died there July 8, 1860, aged 72 years.

Rev. Cyril Pearl, 1850-60 (See Orrington)

Bangor, Me. Nov. 27, 1811

It is probable a church was organized in this place as early as 1788, for a pastor was ordained in that year.

Rev. Seth Noble of Westfield, Mass., not a graduate of any college, resided in Nova Scotia during the Revolutionary War and removed his family to this place about 1787. It was then called Kenduskeag and he agreed to preach for them so long as they would pay him $400. a year. He was installed by Rev. Daniel Little in 1788 and left in 1791. He carried the petition for the incorporation of the town to Boston. The name of the town was to be Sunfield. On arriving at Boston he erased Sunfield and inserted Bangor, the name of his favorite tune. He preached as stated supply in several places and was installed pastor of a church in Montgomery, Mass. Nov. 4, 1801. He was dismissed Sept. 16, 1806 and removed to Ohio, where he died Sept. 15, 1807, aged 64 years, and was buried across the river opposite to Columbus. He was twice married and had eight or ten children, some of whom remained in Nova Scotia and some settled in Ohio. He was a man of great activity and a respectable preacher.

Rev. James Boyd, not a graduate of any college, was installed in September, 1800 and dismissed for im-

moral conduct in November, 1801.

The church, if one had been organized, became extinct and the present one was organized in 1811. Its first pastor was

Rev. Harvey Loomis of Norfolk, Ct. He graduated at Williams College in 1809, studied theology with Rev. Elisha Yale, D.D. of Kingsborough, N.Y., and was ordained the day the church was organized. He contimued in office till he died, January 2, 1825, aged 38 years. His death was sudden. He went into the pulpit prepared to preach on the text "This year thou shalt die" and was a corpse before the services commenced. His sermons were short, pithy and pointed; he was a man of fine personal appearance, affable in his deportment and a faithful minister.

Rev. Swan L. Pomeroy, 1825-48

Rev. George B. Little of Castine graduated at Bowdoin College in 1844 and at Andover in 1849. He was ordained pastor of this church Oct. 11, 1849 and dismissed in 1857. He was installed at Newton, Mass. November 12th. the same year. He died of consumption July 20, 1860, aged 38 years. He was a man of unusual powers and attainments. He was a fine scholar and a beloved pastor.

Bangor, Me. Hammond St. Church, Dec. 5, 1833.

Rev. John Maltby of North Branford, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1822, at Andover in 1825, and was pastor at Sutton, Mass. from September 1826 to June 1834. In July of the last named year he was installed over this church and continued in office till he died of heart disease at Worcester, while on a journey, May 15, 1860, aged 65 years. He married a daughter of Rev. Dr. Jackson of Dorset, Vt. He was a man of talent and influence, of devoted piety, ardent and yet prudent.

Bangor, Me. Central Church, April 1, 1847.

Barkhampsted, Ct., April 20, 1781.

Rev. Ozias Eels, son of Rev. Edward Eels of Cromwell, graduated at Yale in 1779 and was ordained in January 1787. He continued in office till he died, May 25, 1813, aged 58 years. His son Ozias is a minister in Ohio.

Rev. Elihu Mason of West Springfield graduated at Dartmouth in 1808, studied theology with Dr. Perkins of West Hartford, and was ordained pastor of the church in Herkimer, N.Y. He continued there three years and was installed pastor of this church in March, 1814. He remained here two years and then engaged in missionary service in western New York, till he was obliged to retire

from active service, being disabled by St. Vitus' dance. He died April 2, 1849, in the 68th. year of his age. He was a godly man and a laborious and useful minister.

Rev. Saul Clark of Southampton, Mass. graduated at Williams College in 1805, was pastor of the church in East Haven, Ct. from 1808 to 1818, and of this church from 1819 to 1829. He was at Chester, Mass. from 1829 to 1833 and at Egremont, Mass. from 1834 to 1839. He then removed to East Haven, where he died in 1849, aged 69 years. He was of medium height, thick set, of sandy complexion, a respectable preacher, and published while at Chester a sermon on the perseverance of the saints.

Rev. Wm. R. Goold, 1832-38

Rev. Reuben S. Hazen, 1843-49 (See Agawam)

About 1844 this church was enfeebled by the withdrawal of a part of its members in consequence of a disagreement respecting the location of a new meeting house.

Barkhampsted, Hitchcockville, April 19, 1842.

Barnard, Vt. 1782.

Rev. Joseph Bowman, 1784-1806 (See Oxford)

Rev. Joel Davis of Hubbardston, Mass. graduated at Middlebury in 1805, studied theology with

Rev. Mr. Preston of Rupert, and was pastor of this church from 1808 to 1822, of the church in Williamstown from 1824 to 1834 and from 1840 to 1842. He was pastor of the church in Washington, N.H. from 1837 to 1840. The rest of his time was spent in missionary labors among the feeble churches of the state. He was sound in doctrine, spiritual minded, and a lover of order. He died at Berlin, Feb'y 6, 1853, aged 77 years.

Barnet, Vt. 1853

This church is at Stephen's Village, where there is also a Presbyterian church. There is also a Scotch Presbyterian church at the centre of the town, of which Rev. David Goodwillie was pastor many years. He died Aug. 2, 1830, aged 81 years.

Barnet, Vt., McIndoe Falls, Oct. 21, 1829.

Barnstable, Mass., January 8, 1635.

In the American Quarterly Register, Vol. 15, page 62, it is said this church was organized in London in 1616 and is that of which Rev. Henry Jacobs was pastor. In 1634 the major part of the church, 34 members, and its pastor, came to America and located themselves at Scituate. Here they united

with others that came from Plymouth and, as I understand it, were then organized into one church at the time I have named; others think differently.

Rev. John Lathrop was born in England, graduated at Oxford, was settled at Kent and renounced Episcopacy in 1624. He then became pastor of the church in London of which Mr. Jacobs had been pastor, April 29, 1629 he, with 42 members of his church, were imprisoned by the enemies of Puritanism. After two years they were liberated on condition they would leave the country. Mr. Lathrop, with 30 of his fellow prisoners, arrived at Boston Sept. 27, 1634 and he became pastor of the church gathered at Scituate, as I have already said. In 1638 he said, in a letter to Gov. Prince,- "Many grievances attend me, from which I would be freed or at least have them mitigated, if the Lord see it good." The difficulties probably related to differences of opinion respecting the location of a meeting house and the mode and subjects of baptism. He, with a large part of the church, removed to this place Oct. 11, 1639, where he continued till he died, Nov. 8, 1653. He was twice married; his first wife died in 1633, while he was in prison; by her he had six children. By his second wife, who survived him, he had three children. Morton says: "He was a man of

humble spirit, lively in the dispensation of the word of God, studious of peace, willing to spend and be spent for the cause and church of Christ."

Rev. Thomas Walley, who was ejected by the Act of Uniformity in 1662, came to this country and was ordained at Barnstable in 1663. He continued here till his death, March 28, 1678, aged 61 years. He was an accomplished scholar and an eminent Christian. He made the Lord Jesus Christ the main subject of his preaching. He was faithful in the performance of pastoral duties, calling as often upon those in the humblest walks of life as upon the rich. He had uncommonly correct notions on the subject of religious toleration for the age in which he lived. He administered relief to widows and orphans and to all that had none to help them. He was one of the few ministers in those days who taught that there will be a first resurrection, in which the righteous will live and reign with Christ a thousand years.

Rev. Jonathan Russel was son of Rev. John Russel of Weathersfield and Hadley. He was born at the latter place and graduated at Harvard in 1675. He was ordained Sept. 19, 1683 and died Feb. 21, 1711, aged 56 years. His wife was a daughter of Rev. Joshua Moody of Portsmouth, N.H., who preached his ordination sermon. Mr. Russel was

an eminent and worthy man, whose labors were crowned with great success.

Rev. Jonathan Russel, son of the preceding, graduated at Yale in 1708 and was ordained Oct. 29, 1712. He continued in office till he died, Sept. 10, 1759, aged 70 years. He married a sister of Col. James Otis. He was a man of talent and a faithful and devoted minister.

Rev. Oakes Shaw, son of Rev. John Shaw of Bridgewater, graduated at Harvard in 1758 and was ordained in August, 1760. He continued in office till he died, Feb'y 11, 1807, aged 71 years. He was twice married, first to Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Habijah Weld, by whom he had three daughters; and second to Miss Hayward of Braintree, by whom he had two sons, one of whom, Lemuel, was chief justice of the Supreme Court of Massachusetts. Mr. Shaw was one of the most pious and zealous ministers of his day and is said to have written more sermons than any other pastor.

Rev. Enoch Pratt of Middleborough graduated at Brown in 1803 and was ordained pastor of this church in 1807. He was dismissed in 1835, after which he removed to Brewster, where he resided till he died, Feb'y 2, 1860, aged 78 years. He was an industrious man, supplied vacant churches, acted as agent for the Bible

Society, and published a history of Eastham, Orleans and Wellfleet. He was not converted till after he was settled in the ministry. It was at a time when ministers were not very carefully examined. He married Mary Field of Boston.

Rev. Alfred Greenwood, 1836-40

Rev. Thomas Riggs, 1840-

Rev. Alonzo Hayes, 1843-50 (See Dublin)

Barnstable, Second Church, May 12, 1725.

Rev. Joseph Green of Boston graduated at Harvard in 1720 and was ordained the day the church was gathered. He continued in office till he died, Oct. 4, 1770, aged 70 years. He was of the same faith of the Pilgrim Fathers and the articles of faith adopted by the church were evangelical.

Rev. Timothy Hilliard of Kensington, N.H. graduated at Harvard in 1764, was chaplain at the castle for a time, and pastor of this church from 1771 to 1783, when he left on account of ill health. He was installed, however, at Cambridge, Oct. 27, 1783, and died May 9, 1790, aged 44 years. He was a good scholar, but not an attractive speaker, nor Calvinistic in his theology. He was social, but serious, and much esteemed as a minister and as a man. He married Mary Foster of Boston, by whom he had eight children; two of his sons were

ministers. He published six sermons and the Dudleian Lectures.

Rev. John Mellen, son of Rev. John S. Mellen of Sterling, graduated at Harvard in 1770 and was ordained Nov. 12, 1783. He resigned Nov. 3, 1800 and removed to Cambridge, where he resided till his death, Sept. 19, 1828, aged 76 years.

Rev. Jotham Waterman of Scituate graduated at Harvard in 1799 and was ordained Sept. 30, 1801. His example was such as injured his usefulness and he was dismissed in 1815. He removed to Nantucket, engaged in teaching and died there Sept. 14, 1836, aged 62 years. This church is now Unitarian.

Barnstable, Centreville, May 23, 1840

Barnstead, N.H. July 23, 1804

Rev. Enos George of South Hampton was not a graduate of any college. He came here at the age of 22 to teach the children during the week and to conduct the religious services on the Sabbath. He was soon after invited to become their minister, but thought it best to wait till there were some indications of Providence that should make the path of duty plain. There were soon a few conversions, which determined him to accept the call. He was ordained

Sept. 26, 1804 and continued in office till he died, Oct. 20, 1859, aged 78 years, having been sole pastor of the church fifty-five years. Perhaps there is not another case on record of one who, without a college education, has sustained himself so long in the same place, The majority of those who commence preaching with so limited a preparation continue in the ministry in the same place but a short time. There are some honorable exceptions, but very many of this class of ministers abandon the work after a few years and engage in secular employments. Mr. George was favored with several special seasons of revival, as the fruits of which many were added to the church. He married Sophia Chesley of Durham.

Barre, Mass., July 30, 1753.

Rev. Thomas Frink of Sudbury graduated at Harvard in 1722 and was ordained pastor of the church in Rutland, Mass., Nov. 1, 1727. He was dismissed in 1740 and was pastor of a church in Plymouth that went out from the church on account of being opposed to the Great Awakening. He left Plymouth in 1749, was installed here the last Wednesday of October, 1753 and dismissed July 27, 1766. He was a man of respectable talents and preached the Election sermon in 1758, the longest sermon, it is supposed, ever preached in New England; when printed it filled 93 pages, octavo.

Rev. Josiah Dana of Pomfret, Ct. graduated at Harvard in 1763 and was ordained Oct. 7, 1767. He continued in office till he died, Oct. 1, 1801, aged 60 years.

Rev. James Thompson of Halifax, Mass. graduated at Brown in 1799, and was ordained Jan'y 11, 1804. He became a Unitarian and the orthodox portion of the church withdrew. He continued in office till he died in 1854, aged 75 years. He received the degree of D.D. from Harvard in 1841. His son was pastor of a Unitarian church in Salem, Mass.

Barre, Mass., Trinitarian Church. Aug. 15, 1827.

Rev. John Storrs of Mansfield, Ct. graduated at Middlebury in 1824, studied law one year, and then theology with Rev. C. Booth of Coventry, Ct. He preached a year and then went to the Theological Seminary at New Haven. He was pastor of this church from 1828 to 1832, of a church in Norwich, Ct. in 1834 and 5, a teacher in 1835 and 1836, pastor at Holliston, Mass. from 1836 to 1842, agent of the Bible Society, and pastor of a church in Winchendon, Mass. from 1849 till he died, May 8, 1854, in the 53rd. year of his age. He married Mrs. Melancia B. Newell. He was a good man and a useful minister.

Rev. Moses G. Grosvenor, 1832-1834

Rev. John F. Stone, 1834-1836

Rev. Samuel A. Fay, son of Rev. Warren Fay, D.D. of Charlestown, graduated at Amherst in 1828, at Andover in 1832, and was ordained pastor of the church in Northborough Oct. 16, 1832. He was dismissed Oct. 19, 1836 to become an agent of the American Tract Society. He was installed pastor of the church in Barre May 10, 1837; his health failing he was dismissed near the close of 1840, and was then preceptor of Monson Academy, where he died Dec. 19, 1842, aged 33 years. He was an active man, earnestly devoted to the cause of Christ and beloved by those who knew him.

Rev. Amos Bullard of Medway graduated at Amherst in 1833, at Andover in 1839, and was ordained Oct. 26, 1843. He continued in office till he died, Aug. 21, 1850, aged 43 years.

Barre, Vt. 1779.

Rev. Aaron Palmer, not a graduate of any college, was ordained Feb'y 23, 1809 and died of consumption May 23, 1822. He was a faithful and respected minister.

Rev. Justus W. French was born in Hardwick,

Mass., but removed with his father to Hardwick, Vt. when six years old. He graduated at Middlebury in 1817, studied a year at Andover, and returned to Middlebury as tutor. He was pastor of this church from May, 1822 till 1831, when by reason of the loss of his voice he was obliged to desist from preaching. He labored upon a farm till he regained his health, when he commenced preaching again, but his voice failing him he turned his attention to teaching. He taught nine years at Geneva, N.Y., seven years at Albion, five at Palmyra, and about a year at Albany, when he was attacked with hemorrhage of the lungs and died in Brooklyn, N.Y. Dec. 25, 1862, aged 69 years and 8 months. He married Eliza Goss of Hardwick, by whom he had four children. He was a good man and his end was peace.

Rev. Joseph Thacher of Woodstock graduated at Middlebury in 1826 and was pastor of the church in Plainfield from 1828 to 1834, of this church from 1835 to 1838, and of the church in Tunbridge from January, 1838 till he died, July 27, 1844.

Rev. James R. Wheelock, 1838. (See Canterbury)

Barrington, N.H., June 18, 1755.

Rev. Joseph Prince of Boston, Mass. was blind

from his childhood and of course was not a graduate of any college. He was ordained June 18, 1755. There was considerable opposition to his settlement; a part of the council withdrew, and the majority proceeded to his ordination. The case was brought before the convention and that body said he was an "unmeet person" for the work. He remained there till 1768, when he was dismissed. An acquaintance with him removed the prejudice against him and he received the compassion of those with whom he associated. He was pastor of the church in Candia from 1782 to 1789 and died at Newburyport Jan'y 15, 1791, aged 68 years. His wife was a very amiable woman by whom he had 12 sons, each of whom in his turn served as a guide to their sightless father in his parochial visits.

Rev. David Tenney of Newbury, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1768 and was ordained Sept. 18, 1771. He was dismissed Oct. 26, 1778 on account of ill health. He set out to visit his friends and, having proceeded as far as Durham, died suddenly aged 30 years.

Rev. Benjamin Balch, son of Rev. Thomas Balch of Dedham, graduated at Harvard in 1763 and was ordained at Mendon, Mass., now Blackstone, Sept. 14, 1768. He left the place without asking leave or

giving any notice of his intention to do so, in the night, March 27, 1772. He was installed pastor of this church Aug. 25, 1784. He continued in office till he died suddenly, by the roadside, May 4, 1815, aged 74 years. His mind had become broken, so that he was incapable of attending to his affairs.

Rev. Cephas H. Kent, 1828-1830

Rev. Samuel H. Merrill, 1831-1835

Rev. Samuel Nichols of Boston, Mass. was not a graduate of any college. He completed his studies at Bangor in 1826 and was ordained colleague pastor at Wakefield, N.H. Sept. 22, 1828, dismissed May 7, 1833, installed here Sept. 20, 1837, and dismissed in 1842. He died at South Reading, Mass. in 1843, aged 45 years.

Rev. Theodore Wells, son of Rev. Nathaniel Wells of Deerfield, was born at Wells, Me. He was educated for a physician and practiced medicine ten years. Becoming partially disabled for the duties of his profession, he studied theology at Gilmanton Seminary and was ordained pastor of this church in June, 1845. He resigned in 1859 and, having preached as stated supply at Sanford, Me. more than two years, he died after a sickness of six weeks July 26, 1862,

aged 55 years. He left a wife, but no children. He was spiritual minded and devoted to his work.

Barrington, R.I., 1667?

Rev. John Wilson is said to have been the first minister of this church. Of the date of his settlement, of the duration of his ministry and of his death, no record has been discovered.

Rev. Samuel Torrey was settled Jan'y 1, 1718 and dismissed Jan'y 1, 1726, which is the only authentic notice of him I have been able to find.

Rev. Peleg Heath of Boxborough, Mass. graduated at Yale in 1721 and was pastor of this church from 1728 to 1740. He baptised 185 children and adults, married 28 couples and admitted 47 to the church. He died Oct. 25, 1748, aged 48 years.

Rev. Solomon Townsend of Boston graduated at Harvard in 1735 and was pastor of this church from 1743 till he died, Dec. 25, 1798, aged 82 years. He was a good man and his memory is blessed.

Rev. Samuel Watson of Barrington graduated at Brown in 1794 and was pastor from Feb'y 28, 1798

till he died, Jan'y 16, 1821, aged 48 years.

Rev. Luther Wright, 1817-21. (See Medway)

Barton, Vt., Sept. 1817

The pastors of this church have usually preached in Glover.

Rev. Thomas Simpson, 1825-1830

Rev. Ora Pearson of Chittenden graduated at Middlebury in 1820 and at Andover in 1824. He was pastor at Kingston, N.H. from 1826 to 1834, spent a few years in Canada, and was then pastor of this and the church in Glover from 1839 to 1845. His eyesight almost failed him and he removed to Peacham and spent as much of his time as he was able in the volume agency of the American Tract Society. He died at Peacham July 5, 1858, aged 60 years. He was a good man and much beloved by all that knew him. He married Mary Kimball of Barton.

Bath, Me. Dec. 8, 1795.

A church was organized in this town in 1765 that had one pastor,

Rev. Francis Winter, who graduated at Harvard in 1765 and was ordained in 1767. He resigned in Jan'y 1787. He was a chaplain in the War of the Revolution and did not again settle in the ministry. The

church became extinct soon after his dismission. He resided here till he died in 1826, aged 81 years.

Present Church, organized Dec. 8, 1795.

Rev. Hugh Wallis of Colerain, Mass. graduated at Dartmouth in 1791, studied theology at Cambridge and was ordained Dec. 9, 1795. He was dismissed Aug. 16, 1800, was at Pompey, N.Y. from 1803 to 1809, and labored as a missionary in that region as long as he was able to labor. He died at Gates, N.Y. Sept. 7, 1848, aged 81 years. He married (1) Mary Duncan of Colerain and had one son; (2) Susan Upham; and (3) Mrs. Nabby Butterfield.

Rev. Asa Lyman of Lebanon, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1797 and was pastor of the church in Hampton, Ct. from 1800 to 1803, of this church from Jan'y 1, 1806 to March 1808. He was dismissed on account of ill health, but was pastor of the church in Windham, Me. from Nov. 1809 to 1810. After this he was a publisher of books in Portland, New York, Newark and Buffalo. He died at Clinton, N.Y. Jan'y 20, 1836, aged about 60 years. Two of his sons were Episcopal ministers in Maryland.

Rev. John W. Ellingwood of Beverly, Mass. was not a graduate of any college. He was a silver-

smith and continued in that business till 1810 when, being 28 years old, he entered the seminary at Andover. He was ordained pastor of this church Nov. 4, 1812 and labored with fidelity and success till 1843, when he resigned on account of ill health and especially the weakness of his voice. He preached occasionally after this and labored in whatever way he could to promote the cause of Christ. During his ministry there were seasons of special revival. He excelled in extempore exposition of the Scriptures. He published three sermons and was a man of great wisdom and prudence. He was a benevolent man and ready to every good work. He received the degree of A.M. from Williams College, and of D.D. from Bowdoin, of which for many years he was an overseer. He died of paralysis Aug. 19, 1860, aged 78 years.

Bath, Me. Second Church, Dec. 26, 1805.

Rev. William Jenks, 1805-1823

Rev. Seneca White, born at West Boylston, Mass. Feb. 27, 1794, graduated at Dartmouth in 1818 and at Andover in 1822. He was ordained pastor of this church Sept. 10, 1823, dismissed in 1830, and installed at Wiscasset April 18,

1832. He was dismissed in 1837, installed at Marshfield, Mass. September 8, 1838 and dismissed in 1850, though he did not preach there after 1847. He removed to Amherst, N.H., where he died January 11, 1865, aged 71 years. He married Elizabeth S. Winslow of Bath. He held an honorable position as a Christian gentleman and a man of learning.

Bath, Me. Central Church, 1835
Week's St., May 22, 1855

Bath, N.H. 1791

A Presbyterian church was gathered here in 1778 that became extinct.

Rev. David Sutherland of Scotland was educated at Glasgow at the Congregational Seminary and was ordained Oct. 24, 1805. His salary was $400. He was a faithful and successful minister. In 1835 the church was divided and two new churches were organized, called the East and West. Mr. Sutherland then became pastor of the East Church, which built a new house in the lower village. He resigned in 1843 and died July 28, 1855, aged 78 years. He was a good man and saw much fruit of his labors. The other part of the church remained at the old house

and had one pastor, Rev. Peter Nicol, who was ordained Feb'y 14, 1838. He was not a graduate of any college. He preached but a short time and died of a lingering consumption. Sfter his death the two churches were united, in 1843.

Becket, Mass. Dec. 28, 1758

Rev. Ebenezer Martyn of Hampton, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1756 and was ordained Feb'y 23, 1759. He was dismissed in October, 1764. Some of the people were opposed to his settlement. He was settled at Westford, a parish of Ashford, Ct., June 15, 1768 and remained there till 1777. He was at Austerlitz, N.Y. till 1789, when he removed to Union, in Broome Co., where he died in Sept. 1795, aged 63 years. He is said to have been a man of ability, but he was not always wise. He said some smart and odd things that were injurious to his reputation. He married while in college Susan Plumbe of Milford and had seven children.

Rev. Zadoc Hunn was born in Newington, Ct., graduated at Yale in 1766, studied theology with Rev. A Hooker of Goshen, Ct., and was ordained Jan'y 5, 1771. He was dismissed in October, 1788, went to Central New

York, where he labored as a missionary and died at Canandaigua May 12, 1801, being about 60 years old. He was a man of good abilities, though not brilliant; he was an excellent counsellor, exemplary in his life and conversation, and sound in the faith. He was modest, diffident and humble, but very industrious, filling up his years with usefulness.

After his dismission the church remained destitute of a pastor for many years. There were so many people in the town who were Methodists or Baptists that they could not get a vote of the town to pay a minister. They finally raised a fund amounting to $5565., and in 1798 were incorporated by the legislature as a society and were thus able to vote a salary.

Rev. Joseph L. Mills of Norfolk, Ct. graduated at Union in 1802, studied theology with Rev. Mr. Hooker of Goshen, Ct., and was ordained June 5, 1806. He continued here till he died, Jan'y, 1841, aged 59 years. He was a good man and a useful minister. During the last few years of his life his health was poor.

Rev. Lavius Hyde, 1841-1849 (See Bolton)

North Becket, Mass., Sept. 25, 1849.

Rev. Charles H. Norton of Westhampton graduated at Williams College in 1847, taught a short time, studied theology in part at East Windsor and was ordained April 30, 1851. He was a good man and much beloved by his people. The Lord blessed his labors, but during the cold winter of 1855-6, being cut off from his accustomed outdoor exercise, he applied himself so closely to his studies that his strength failed and this obliged him to suspend his labors. In the autumn he went to Louisville, Ky. to spend the winter, hoping that a change of climate would be beneficial. He died there Jan'y 6, 1857, aged 34 years. He left a wife and one child.

Bedford, Mass. July 15, 1730

Rev. Nicholas Bowes is said to have been born in England and graduated at Harvard in 1725. He was ordained the day the church was organized. About 24 years after his settlement some circumstances occurred which induced him to consider his usefulness at an end. He asked a dismission, which was granted Sept. 2, 1754.

The next year he was chaplain of the Northern army at Fort Edward and died on his return home, at the house of Rev. Mr. Jones in Warren. His wife was daughter of Rev. Mr. Hancock of Lexington and an aunt of Gov. John Hancock.

Rev. Nathaniel Sherman was born at Newton, March 5, 1724, and graduated at Nassau Hall in 1753. In 1765 the admission of members on the half-way covenant was set aside and none were afterwards admitted to the church except those who gave evidence of being regenerate persons. This change was brought about by the efforts of Mr. Sherman. It produced considerable discussion and so much alienation of feeling that he asked a dismission, which was granted Dec. 5, 1766. He was afterwards installed at Mt. Carmel, Ct., now Hamden, and being again dismissed he removed to East Windsor, where he died July 18, 1797, aged 73 years.

Rev. Joseph Penniman, a native of New Braintree, graduated at Harvard in 1765 and was ordained May 22, 1771. He was dismissed Nov. 1, 1793. He was a man of respectable talents, but eccentric in his manners and public performances. After his dismission he removed to Harvard, where he died.

Rev. Samuel Stearns of Epping, N.H. graduated at Harvard in 1794 and was ordained April 27, 1796. He studied theology with Rev. Jonathan French of Andover. He was a good man, sound in faith and devoted to the work of the ministry. In process of time the society wanted a minister who would preach a different system of religious faith, while the church adhered to the cross of Christ. Long and severe was the struggle which this faithful servant had to encounter. Means were used to drive him from the field of his labors and, after he had given up his contract with the society, he was called upon to repay to the town $1000., which had been loaned him without interest so long as he was their minister, and for the purpose of making him unwilling to go anywhere else. But, as he was driven by them to relinquish his contract with the society, he felt that he ought not to refund the money. For a particular account of this matter see American Quarterly Register, Vol. 11, p.388. He died, however, before it was settled, Dec. 26, 1834, aged 65 years. He published six or eight sermons, was the son of a minister, Rev. Josiah Stearns, and father of three ministers, Rev. Samuel H. Stearns of Boston, William

A. Stearns, President of Amherst College, and Jonathan F. Stearns, of New York. He married Abigail French of Andover.

Rev. Jonathan Leavitt, 1837-1841

Rev. S. Hopkins Emery, 1841-1845

Rev. Orrin Sikes of Ludlow was not a graduate of any college. He studied theology at Bangor, Me., was pastor of the church in Union, Me. from June, 1831 to June, 1832 and of Mercer, Me. from Jan'y 1833 to 1842. He was installed pastor of this church June 3, 1846 and continued in office till he died, Dec. 15, 1852, aged 47 years. He was twice married and had several children. He was a man of piety and aimed to honor the Master he served.

Bedford, N.H. 1750

This is a Presbyterian Church.

Rev. John Houston, of Londonderry, graduated at Nassau Hall in 1753, studied theology with Rev. D. McGregor*of his native place, and was ordained Sept. 28, 1757. He was a man of considerable native and acquired talent and sound in doctrine. He was a Tory in politics and on that account ceased to preach to his people in May, 1775, though he was

* or McGregore

not formally dismissed till 1778. He received some personal abuse, but continued to reside in the place till he died. Feb'y 3, 1798, aged 75 years. The people remained a long time without a settled pastor.

Rev. David McGregore of Londonderry graduated at Dartmouth in 1799, studied theology with Dr. Morrison of his native place, and was ordained Sept. 5, 1804. He was dismissed in April, 1825 and engaged in teaching. In 1831 he removed to Falmouth, Me., where he died suddenly Oct. 18, 1845, aged 74 years. He was a man of fine social qualities, was thrice married but left no children.

Rev. Thomas Savage of Salem graduated at Harvard in 1813. He studied theology at Cambridge, but completed his studies under the care of the Presbytery of Mississippi and was ordained by the same in August, 1822. He preached at Baton Rouge for two years and was installed pastor of this church July 5, 1826. He continued in office till he died, May 8, 1866, aged 72. He was twice married and had five children. "He was unselfish, warm hearted, self-denying and devoted to the cause of his Master."

Belchertown, Mass. April, 1739.

Rev. Edward Billings of Sunderland graduated

at Harvard in 1731, taught school in Hatfield, and was ordained in April, 1739. His salary was one hundred pounds and wood. In 1744 it was voted that his salary should be increased two pounds for every family that came into the place. He agreed in sentiment with Edwards, was a member of the council that dismissed him and voted against his dismission. His church, however, was opposed to Edwards and the difference in their views led to his dismission in April, 1752. He was installed first pastor of the church in Greenfield March 27, 1754. He lived but a short time. There is no record of his death, though it is supposed he died in 1759, aged about 50 years. He was a man of great energy and devoted to his work. He married Lucy Parsons, sister of Rev. David Parsons of Amherst.

Rev. Justus Forward of Granby, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1754 and was ordained Feb'y 26, 1756. He was a good scholar and on account of his classical attainments received the Berkleian prize. He studied theology with Rev. Timothy Woodbridge of Hatfield. After his settlement he studied medicine and ministered to the diseases of both soul and body. He married Violet Dickinson of Hatfield. Their only son, a lad of seven years, was drowned while on a

visit to Hatfield. He was a pious child and had read the Bible through twice in course. Mr. Forward was sound in doctrine and a good man, but not an animated preacher. He died March 8, 1814, aged 84 years. His wife died in 1834 aged 95 years.

Rev. Experience Porter of Lebanon, N.H. graduated at Dartmouth in 1803, was tutor at Middlebury one year, studied theology with Rev. A. Hooker of Goshen, Ct., and was ordained at Winchester, N.H. Nov. 12, 1807. He was dismissed at his own request Feb. 20, 1810, installed at Belchertown in 1812, and dismissed March 9, 1825. His health was so poor that after his dismission he preached but little. He removed to his native place and died there Aug. 25, 1828, aged 46 years. The church during his ministry was greatly enlarged; in thirteen years he admitted on profession of faith three hundred and forty-five persons. He possessed strong powers of mind and wrote with great rapidity. His style was characterized by boldness and strength rather than by good taste and classical accuracy. His theology was Calvinistic and in his preaching he dwelt much upon the leading doctrines. His voice was full and deep toned and his manner solemn. He was not as distinguished for prudence as for some other

graces. He married Miss Sarah Smith of West Haven, Vt.

Rev. Lyman Coleman, 1825-1832

Rev. Jared Reid of Preston, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1817, studied theology at Andover, and was pastor of the church in Reading from 1823 to 1833. He was installed here Sept. 4, 1833. During his ministry the church was divided. The division did not grow out of any dissatisfaction with him, but was the result of other influences. The new church, called the Brainard church, was organized Sept. 30, 1834. It was reunited to the old church in 1841. Mr. Reid was dismissed Jan'y 6, 1841. He removed to Tiverton, R.I. and preached there several years. He had an attack of paralysis and died June 17, 1854, aged 66 years. He married Sarah Bigelow of Colchester, Ct.

Belfast, Me. Dec. 29, 1796.

Rev. Ebenezer Price of Newburyport, Mass., graduated at Dartmouth in 1793 and was ordained pastor of this church Dec. 29, 1796, with a salary of $200., to be increased $10. annually till it should be $300. He resigned his charge here Sept. 22, 1802 in consequence of existing difficulties,

and was installed Sept. 10, 1804 over the West church in Boscawen, N.H. Here he continued until May 10, 1837, when he resigned and was not resettled. He continued to reside here after his dismission and was superintendent of the Sabbath School till he was more than 85 years old. He died in Boston Feb. 19, 1864, aged 93 years.

Rev. Alfred Johnson of Plainfield, Ct., graduated at Dartmouth in 1785 and was ordained at Freeport Dec. 28, 1789. He was dismissed at his own request Sept. 11, 1805 and was installed over this church the same month. He was dismissed in 1815 in consequence of the embarrassment of the people occasioned by the war with Great Britain. His health soon failed. He continued to reside in the place till he died, Jan'y 13, 1837, aged 70 years. During the last twenty years of his life he was able to preach only occasionally. He was a good man and endured unto the end.

Rev. Charles Soule, 1824-26

Rev. Nathaniel Wales of Randolph, Mass. graduated at Bangor Seminary in 1826 and was ordained Sept. 26, 1827. His ministry was short. He died Jan'y 20, 1829, aged 36 years. He labored with great zeal and good success. He was a mechanic and had a

family to support while preparing for the ministry.

Rev. Ferris Fitch of Pawlet, Vt. graduated at Middlebury in 1826 and at Andover in 1830. He was ordained Oct. 3, 1830 and dismissed May 15, 1832. After this he went to Ohio and preached at Painesville, Huron and other places and died in Brownhelm, Ohio, June 30, 1847, aged 45 years.

Rev. Silas McKean, 1833-1841

Rev. Elbridge G. Cutler seems not to have been a graduate of any college. He was ordained June 15, 1842. His health began to fail in 1846, and, being invited to Reading, Pa., he left home in April, with the impression that it was a call of God and that his health would be better in a warmer climate. Soon after arriving at Reading he was seized with lung fever and died in May, 1846, aged 34 years. He was a devoted and useful minister and died in great peace.

Belfast, Me., North Church, Sept. 24, 1846.

Bellingham, Mass., 1727.

Rev. Jonathan Mills of Braintree graduated at Harvard in 1723 and was ordained in 1727. He continued here ten years, though not in great harmony with the people. He resided at Boston a few

years and in 1766 was installed at Harwich, where he remained till he died in May, 1773, aged 70 years. The church became extinct after Mr. Mills was dismissed.

Bennington, Vt. Aug. 24, 1763.

This church was organized at Westfield, Mass. and was made up of Separatists from Westfield, Hardwick and Sunderland, Mass.

Rev. Jedediah Dewey of Westfield was not a graduate of any college. In 1749 he absented himself from the communion, with a few others, and held a separate meeting. In 1754 he was ordained their pastor. In 1763 they removed to Bennington and became the first Congregational church in the town. He was pastor of the church till he died, Dec. 21, 1778, aged 64 years. He was a man of unfeigned piety, had a strong mind and tenacious memory. He married Mindwell Hayden of Windsor, Ct. and had seven children.

Rev. David Avery of Franklin, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1769, studied theology with Dr. Wheelock of Dartmouth College, was ordained as a missionary to the Indians Aug. 29, 1771, was an assistant of Rev. Mr. Kirkland among the Oneidas in New York,

returned in consequence of a hurt received from falling upon the ice, was pastor at Windsor, Mass. from March, 1773 to April, 1777, and was then chaplain in the army. He was installed pastor of this church May 3, 1780 and dismissed June 17, 1783. He was installed at Wrentham, Mass. May 25, 1786. Difficulties arose and he was dismissed April 21, 1794. He removed to Chaplin, Ct., and was pastor of the church in Union from 1798 to 1801. After this he labored as a missionary in several places and in November, 1817 died of typhus fever near Shepardstown, Va., while on a visit to his daughter, aged 71 years. He married Hannah Chaplin of Mansfield, Ct., by whom he had four children. He published four sermons. He was a good man and sound in doctrine.

Rev. Job Swift of Sandwich, Mass. graduated at Yale in 1765, studied theology with Dr. Bellamy, and was ordained at Richmond, Mass. in 1767. Soon after his settlement he established conference meetings at which doctrinal subjects were discussed. After a few years difficulties arose on account of his strict adherence to truth. His people complained because he did not preach

more upon the consolations of religion. He was dismissed in 1774, preached several years at Nine Partners, N.Y., and was installed pastor of this church May 31, 1786. He was a trustee of Williams College and received the degree of D.D. in 1803. There was so much opposition to the truth that he resigned June 7, 1801. He removed to Addison, Vt., where he organized a church and was very useful. In 1804 he went a short missionary tour and was taken sick at Enosburgh, where he died October 20, aged 61 years. President Dwight said he was one of the best and most useful men he ever knew. A volume of his sermons, with a memoir, was published in 1805. He married Mary A. Sedgwick of Hartford, Ct. She died at Addison, Vt. in 1826, aged 77.

Rev. Daniel Marsh of New Milford, Ct. graduated at Williams College in 1795 and was for a time pastor of a church in Poughkeepsie, N.Y. He was settled at Bennington in 1806 and dismissed April 25, 1820. He removed to Janesville, N.Y., where he died Dec. 13, 1843, aged 82 years. He died full of days and ripe in the graces and consolations of religion, having the respect and confidence of all who knew him.

Rev. Absalom Peters, 1820-1825

Rev. Daniel A. Clarke, 1826-1830 (See Amherst)

Bennington, Vt., East Village, April 27, 1836.

Rev. Aretas Loomis of Southampton, Mass. graduated at Williams in 1815, studied theology with Rev. V. Gould in his native place, and was ordained as an evangelist at Belchertown in May, 1818. He was in the employ of the Hampshire Missionary Society one year in Western Virginia, preached six years and a half as stated supply in Randolph Co.; he then came north and, after preaching about a year at West Windsor and Castleton, was installed at Colerain, Mass. Aug. 5, 1829 and dismissed in March, 1836. He was installed pastor of this church the day it was organized. He was dismissed Nov. 6, 1850, preached as stated supply in several places, removed to Hebron, N.Y., but returned and died at Bennington August 13, 1857, aged 66 years,and 8 months. He was a slender man, a faithful minister, and died like a Christian.

Bennington, N.H. July 6, 1839

Benson, Vt. March, 1790.

Rev. Dan Kent of Suffield, Ct. was not a graduate of any college. He studied theology with Rev. Mr. Sill of Dorset, and was ordained Sept. 5, 1792. He was dismissed July 11, 1828, but continued to reside in the place till he died, July 21, 1835, aged 78 years. He was a very successful minister and was blessed with three very extensive revivals of religion.

Benton, Me., 1851.

Berkley, Mass. Nov. 2, 1737.

Rev. Samuel Tobey of Sandwich graduated at Harvard in 1733 and was ordained Nov. 23, 1737. He died suddenly Feb'y 13, 1781, aged 66 years or, as some say, 70, which is most probable. He was a very respectable and worthy minister, sound in faith, generous and highly esteemed. He married Bathsheba Crocker of Barnstable and had twelve children.

Rev. Thomas Andros of Norwich, Ct. was born in 1759. He enlisted in the revolutionary army and distinguished himself for his bravery. He was imprisoned on board the "Old Jersey Prison Ship", but succeeded in making his escape, which

was followed by a severe fit of sickness. It was the means, however, of his conversion. He commenced a course of study and labored in the meantime to procure means to defray his expenses. He studied theology with Dr. Benedict of Plainfield, Ct., and was ordained March 19, 1788. He died of apoplexy Dec. 3, 1845, aged 86 years and 8 months. He was distinguished for the interest he took in whatever would promote human welfare. Nothing could tempt him to commit a dishonest act. As a preacher he held a high rank. He published fourteen sermons and some essays.

Berkshire, Vt. February 8, 1820.

Rev. Phineas Bailey of Landaff, N.H. was not a graduate of any college. He studied theology with Rev. Calvin Noble of Chelsea and was ordained pastor of this church Sept. 5, 1824, and resigned in November, 1833. After this he was pastor of a church in the state of New York. He finally returned to Albany, Vt., where he preached as stated supply for a time, and where he died, Dec. 14, 1861, suddenly while sitting in his chair, aged 74 years. He was a man of great energy and a much respected minister. He married (1) Janette McArthur of

Thornton, N.H., by whom he had seven children, and (2) Betsey Fish of Waitsfield, by whom he had three children.

Berkshire, Vt. East Church, Oct. 8, 1820.

Mr. Bailey was pastor of this and of the West church at the same time.

Berlin, Mass. April 7, 1779.

Rev. Reuben Puffer of Sudbury graduated at Harvard in 1778 and was ordained Sept. 26, 1781. He continued in office till he died, April 9, 1829, aged 73 years. He received the degree of D.D. from Harvard in 1810. He was a man of superior talents and, though he labored under many embarrassments, he did not neglect the cultivation of his own mind. He preached the Election and Convention sermons and the Dudleian Lectures. He was a disciple of Arminius. He married (1) Hannah Perry of Sudbury, by whom he had thirteen children, and (2) Mrs. Phoebe Stowe (Morse), by whom he had one child.

The parish and a minority of the church, after the death of Dr. Puffer, were in favor of settling a Unitarian pastor. The orthodox withdrew and built a house and have had for its pastors:

Rev. Abraham C. Baldwin, 1830-1832

Rev. Michael Burdett, 1833-34

Rev. Eber L. Clark of Mansfield, Ct. graduated at Williams College in 1811. He was first settled at Portland, Ct., Sept. 25, 1812. He was dismissed in August, 1815 and from that time to 1820 he was pastor of the church at Turkey Hill in the town of Granby, Ct. He preached alternately to the village congregation and to the convicts in the State's Prison, which was then located there. He was then pastor of the church in Winchendon, Mass. from 1820 to 1835 and of the church in Berlin from 1835 to 1838. He was then installed pastor of the church in Richmond, where he continued till 1852, when he was again dismissed and installed at Washington in Feb'y, 1853. He was pastor of the last named church when he died, Feb'y 23, 1857, in the 71st. year of his age. Mr. Clark was a good man and was a useful minister. He married (1) Mary Starkweather and (2) Sarah Lawrence and had eight children.

Rev. Robert Carver of Taunton graduated at Yale College in 1833 and at Andover in 1836. He preached a year in Canada and was ordained pastor of this church Nov. 12, 1838. He was dismissed

in 1842, studied six months at New Haven, Ct. and preached about a year in Wisconsin. In 1844 he was preaching at Cutchogue, L.I., where he remained two years. While here he was married to Mrs. Jane Ingram, widow of Rev. S. B. Ingram of Sunderland and daughter of Rev. Mr. Beers of Cutchogue. He was installed at Raynham Dec. 1, 1847 and resigned in 1857. After this he preached in South Franklin till the war broke out, when he was appointed chaplain of the Seventh Massachusetts Regiment. In January, 1863 he was obliged to leave the army on account of ill health. He was conveyed to Orient, L.I., to the house of his father-in-law, where he died Feb'y 28, 1863, aged 57 years. He was buried at Taunton. He was a conscientious man, a sound and instructive preacher, and useful in every situation in which he was placed.

Berlin, Ct. (Kensington) Dec. 10, 1712.

Rev. William Burnham, a native of Wethersfield, who graduated at Harvard in 1702, was ordained the day the church was organized. He continued pastor till his death. He died of dysentery, which prevailed as an epidemic, in Sept. 1750, in the 66th. year of his age. The church at the time

of his settlement consisted of 9 members and at his decease, after New Britain was separated from it, of 174 members. During his ministry there was an unpleasant controversy among the people in regard to the location of a meeting house. They agreed to cast lots for the place. Many were not satisfied with the result; it was left to two ecclesiastical councils to say whether the lot was to be considered by them as an expression of God's will in reference to the spot. Both decided that it was. It was then referred to the legislature, who directed them to build the house in another place with all convenient despatch.

Rev. Samuel Clarke graduated at Princeton in 1751 and was ordained July 14, 1756. He died in office Nov. 6, 1775, aged 49 years. He married Jerusha, daughter of Joel White of Bolton and had three children. She married Amos Hosford of Berlin and died in 1832, aged 85 years.

Rev. Benoni Upson of Waterbury graduated at Yale in 1777 and was ordained in 1779. He continued in office till he died, Nov. 13, 1826, in the 77th. year of his age. During the last ten years of his life he had a colleague. He was a Fellow of Yale

College 14 years, from which he received the degree of D.D. He was a pious, affectionate and discreet pastor, distinguished for his hospitality and benevolence. He married Lavinia Hopkins of Waterbury.

Rev. Royal Robbins of Wethersfield graduated at Yale in 1806. He taught school one year in Hadley, Mass., studied law one year with his uncle, Asher Robbins of Newport, R.I., and then studied theology with Dr. Porter of Catskill, N.Y. and Dr. Yates of East Hartford. He was ordained as colleague with Dr. Upson June 26, 1812. He was dismissed June 26, 1859, but continued here till he died, March 26, 1861, in the 73rd. year of his age. He was an instructive preacher and a good writer, though not an effective speaker. He was a large contributor to the Christian Spectator, was the author of Outlines of Ancient and Modern History and of a Memoir of J.G.C. Brainerd, the poet, and published several sermons. He was twice married and left a wife and six children.

Berlin, Ct., Worthington Parish. 1775.

Rev. Nathan Fenn of Milford graduated at Yale in 1775, was ordained May 3, 1780, and died in the midst of his usefulness April 21, 1799, in the 50th. year of

his age. He was a faithful pastor and much esteemed.

Rev. Evans Johns of Wales had been a minister in England, came to America in 1801, was installed June 9, 1802 and dismissed Feb'y 13, 1811. He was pastor of the church in Canandaigua, N.Y. from 1817 to 1823 and died there May 6, 1849, aged 86 years. He married (1) in England, a daughter of Thomas Harmes, author of a work on Oriental Antiquities, and (2) a daughter of Dr. Lyman of Hatfield.

Rev. Samuel Goodrich, son of Rev. Elizur Goodrich of Durham, graduated at Yale in 1783 and was ordained July 6, 1786. He was dismissed at his own request Jan'y 22, 1811 and May 29 of the same year was installed at Worthington, a parish of Berlin. He continued in office till he died, April 19, 1835, aged 72 years. He married Elizabeth Ely of Saybrook, by whom he had ten children, among whom were Rev. Chauncey A. and Samuel G., the renowned author of Peter Parley's works. Mr. Goodrich possessed many excellent qualities as a man and a minister. He was rather solid than brilliant, a good man and useful.

Rev. Ambrose Edson of Wilbraham, Mass. was not a graduate of any college. He is believed to

have studied a while at Bangor, Me., but completed his theological course at Princeton Theological Seminary and was pastor of the church in Brooklyn, Ct. from 1824 to 1830. He was installed pastor of this church in 1831. In consequence of declining health he was obliged to resign his charge in 1834,- and supported his family by his pen.

He died at Somers, Ct., Aug. 17, 1836, in the 39th. year of his age. He was instrumental in the conversion of many souls.

Berlin, Vt. Oct. 17, 1798.

Rev. James Hobart graduated at Dartmouth in 1794, was ordained in 1798 and dismissed in 1829. He continued to reside in the place till he died, July 16, 1862, aged 95 years, 11 months and 14 days. He was dismissed at the age of 63; his people thought he was so old that he could not labor much longer, and yet he continued to preach till within a few weeks of his death. The following notice of him was published in 1861:

"He is a great pedestrian, making nothing of walking a half-dozen miles to preach and home again the same day. Two or three winters ago he had received invitations to preach on a given Sunday in three different towns in a line from home; and of course the places of worship were many miles apart. But this did not discourage him. He set out early in the morning of the appointed Sunday, walked seven miles, preached a forenoon sermon, walked five miles more on to the next town, preached an afternoon sermon, and then walked on still five miles more to the third town and preached his third

sermon. A few weeks ago he had engaged to preach in Montpelier, but early in the morning his son came to town to say that his father could not preach that day, as the afternoon before he had fallen twelve feet from the top of an apple tree, which he had mounted to remove some dead limbs. He, however, is now about again, and we are to have our promised sermon in a week or two."

Rev. Austin Hazen graduated at Dartmouth in 1807 and was pastor of one church in Hartford from 1812 to 1829 and of another from 1830 to 1837. He was installed here Oct. 4 of the last named year and continued in office till he died, Dec. 25, 1854, aged 68 years. He was wise in counsel, prudent in action, and strong in evangelical faith. He married (1) Frances M. Dana of Danville, by whom he had four children, two of whom became missionaries, a son, and a daughter who married Rev. D. Stoddard of Ooroomiah; (2) Lucia Washburn.

Bernardston, Mass. Nov. 25, 1741.

Rev. John Norton of Berlin, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1737 and was ordained the day the church was organized. He was dismissed in 1745 in consequence of the unsettled state of the country and the exposure of the people to the attacks of the French and Indians. He was chaplain for a time at Fort Massachusetts in Adams, was there when the fort was taken and was carried

a captive to Canada. He was pastor of the church in East Hampton, Ct. from 1748 to 1775. He died of the small pox March 24, 1778, aged 62 years. He published an account of his captivity.

Rev. Job Wright of East Hampton, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1757 and was ordained in July, 1761. He was dismissed March 13, 1782 for want of an adequate support. He continued to reside here till he died, Jan'y 24, 1823, aged 85 years. He was a man of quick apprehension and strong powers of mind. He was kind, affectionate, social and intelligent.

Rev. Amasa Cooke of Hadley graduated at Brown in 1776, studied theology with Mr. Hopkins of Hadley and was ordained Nov. 12, 1783. He was dismissed in May, 1805 on account of his moral delinquencies. He resided in the place till he died, June 11, 1816, aged 66 years. After his decease the church became Unitarian.

Bernardston, Mass., Orthodox Church, Jan'y 13, 1824.

Rev. Vinson Gould of Sharon, Ct. graduated at Williams College in 1797 and was ordained at Southampton colleague with Mr. Judd, Aug. 27, 1801, and dismissed Jan'y 5, 1832. He was very useful there as a pastor and did much to promote the educa-

tion of youth. About 25 young men of that town were induced to go to college during his ministry. After his dismission he taught a school in South Hadley and finally was installed pastor of this church October 30, 1833, resigned Dec. 21, 1836, and returned to Southampton, where he died April 4, 1841, aged 68 years. He married Mindwell Woodbridge of Southampton, by whom he had several children, one of whom is the wife of Rev. Dr. McClure of New York.

Rev. Bancroft Fowler of Pittsfield graduated at Yale in 1796 and was ordained pastor of the church in Windsor, Vt. May 23, 1805. He was dismissed in 1819 and was professor in the Bangor Theological Seminary from 1819 to 1825. He was pastor at Northfield from Jan'y, 1831 to July, 1836, of this church from Dec. 1836 to 1838, of the church in Greenfield, N.H. from 1839 to 1845. He preached as stated supply in some other places and finally removed to Stockbridge, where he died April 5, 1856, in the 81st. year of his age.

Berwick, Me. March 13, 1755

This was the second church in Berwick till the first parish, South Berwick, became a town.

Rev. John Morse graduated at Harvard in 1751, studied theology with Rev. Mr. Jefferds of Wells, and

was ordained April 30, 1755. He was a serious and godly man. He died in the latter part of 1764, aged about 34 years.

Rev. Matthew Merriam of Wallingford, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1759 and was ordained in September 1765. He continued in office till he died in Jan'y, 1797, aged about 60 years.

Rev. Joseph Hilliard, son of Rev. Timothy Hilliard of Cambridge, graduated at Harvard in 1793 and was ordained in Oct. 1797. He continued in office till he died in 1843, aged 69 years. He ceased to preach some years previous on account of ill health and the church is extinct.

Bethany, Ct. 1763

It was a parish of Woodbridge till 1832.

Rev. Stephen Hawley of New Milford graduated at Yale in 1759 and was ordained in October, 1763. He continued in office till he died in August, 1804, aged 68 years, though he had not supplied the pulpit for two years or more. He was a good man and a faithful minister. He married (1) Mary Bellamy of Hamden, by whom he had three children, and (2) Mehetabel Hotchkiss, by whom he had four children.

Rev. Isaac Jones of New Haven graduated at Yale in 1792, was licensed to preach and went to Georgia, where he spent several years. Returning north, he was called to become the pastor of this church, contrary to the advice of a council because his license had expired. He was, however, ordained June 5, 1804, after making some concessions and avowing his purpose to conform to the rules and usages of the consociation, and the consociation protesting against this irregularity being used as a precedent to guide them on any future occasions. He was a volatile man and his general deportment very unministerial. In about two years charges of immoral speech and behavior were brought against him and he was deposed Nov. 18, 1806. He refused to submit to the decision of the council and drew off a part of the church. In 1807 he had a hearing before another consociation and was restored on his making a confession. In 1808 he became an Episcopalian and after preaching in several places died at Litchfield, March 17, 1850, aged 75 years. He married a daughter of Hezekiah Thomas and had two children. He was a man of popular address and had great influence over a portion of the community.

Rev. Nathaniel G. Huntington of Rocky Hill graduated at Yale in 1806 and was pastor of this church from October, 1809 to March, 1823. He died at Orange February 20, 1848, aged 62 years.

Rev. Jairus Wilcox of Cromwell was not a graduate of any college. He studied at Bangor and was three years in the seminary at Yale. He was ordained November, 1832 and dismissed in June, 1834. He next preached at Bergen and Victor, New York, In 1838 he went to Geneseo, Ill. with an emigrating church and preached till 1845, when his health failed. He removed to Chicago and labored for the benefit of the sailors until he died, September, 1851, of cholera, after a sickness of twelve hours. His age is not known. He was engaged in secular business before he turned his thoughts to the ministry

Bethel, Me. October 7, 1799

Rev. Daniel Gould of * graduated at Harvard in 1782 and was ordained pastor of this church Oct. 9, 1799. He was dismissed in May, 1809 and was settled at Rumford May 31, 1815. He continued there till he died May 21, 1842, aged 90 years.

* The History of Rumford gives Topsfield, Mass. as Mr. Gould's birthplace.

Rev. Henry Sewall of Bath was not a graduate of any college. He was ordained as a missionary in 1808, was pastor of the church in Hebron from 1812 to 1817, of this church from January, 1819 to May, 1820, and was stated supply of the church in Sangerville from 1828 to 1840. He resided in the place last named till he died in 1850, aged 78 years. He received a very meagre support and was obliged to labor with his hands to supply the wants of his family.

Bethel, Me., Second Church, Jan'y 20, 1849.

Bethel, Ct. Nov. 25, 1760

Rev. Noah Wetmore graduated at Yale in 1757 and was ordained pastor of this church at the time it was organized. He was dismissed in 1784 and was subsequently pastor of the church in Brookhaven, N.Y. till he died in 1796, aged 76 years.

Rev. John Ely, 1791-1804 (See Madison)

Rev. Samuel Sturges graduated at Yale in 1787 and was licensed by the Fairfield Association in 1789. He was pastor of a church in Greenwich from 1800 to 1806 and of this church from 1806 to 1811.

Rev. Sylvanus Haight, 1848-1851 (See Wilton)

Rev. Edmund Burt of Longmeadow, Mass.,born November 11, 1803, was prevented from obtaining a college education by the death of his father. He, however, completed a course of study at the Gilmanton Theological Seminary in 1839, and was ordained pastor of this church and of that in Franconia January 13, 1841. He was dismissed in 1847. After preaching at Deering two years as stated supply, he went to Newfield, Me. and was installed there in the autumn of 1849. He was dismissed August 4, 1853. He afterwards labored in the employ of the Home Missionary Society in Gilead and in Gorham, N.H. His health failed about the beginning of the year 1864 and he died at Gorham, July 14, in the 61st. year of his age. He married (1) Hephzibath Livermore of Paxton, Mass. and had three children; and (2) Lydia W. Burt of Littleton.

Rev. John Smalley Whittlesey, son of Deacon David Whittlesey, of New Britain, Ct., was born Oct. 2, 1812, studied at Yale Theological Seminary,,was ordained pastor of the Congregational church in Trumbull, Ct. in 1844 and settled in Bethel in 1849. He was dismissed in 1852 and received an appointment to lecture on Common Schools in Connecticut.

He subsequently removed to Iowa as a home missionary. He died at Durant, Iowa, May 11, 1862, aged 50 years. The following is quoted from an obituary notice of him:

"He married 1834, at Munson, Mass., Eliza G., daughter of Deacon David Haskell. They had a family of nine children; one was burned at the age of five months, being left asleep in the cradle, while the parents were in another room of the house;- at Durant they buried three lovely children in one grave. Two of their sone enlisted as volunteers in the army, one of whom, David, died of fever at Lawrence, Kansas, a few days before the father. Other children died at different ages, so that at the time of the father's death but two survived, the oldest and the youngest. Mr. Whittlesey was a man of ardent piety, untiring zeal, of sanguine temperament, impulsive, but whole-hearted and self sacrificing. He could turn his hand to almost any employment, and he was accustomed to do with his might what good thing he found to do. He was right on all the moral questions of the age, and threw his influence with his whole soul on the side of temperance and humanity. Few have struggled harder against the waves of adversity, or battled more nobly the buffetings

of the storm. He was greatly interested in the rising generation, ardently attached to common and Sunday schools, and labored hard to raise the aspirations of young men. When the rebellion broke out and recruits were called for, Mr. Whittlesey, with his accustomed zeal and promptness, was ready with his sons, to offer themselves on the altar of freedom and right. He was at the terrible battle of Pittsburg's Landing, in feeble health, and went to St. Louis with the sick and wounded after the carnage. This excitement proved too much for him. He was carried to his home in Durant, where he passed through his last tribulation. Few men have better filled up their days with duty or usefulness. He has been a forcible and impressive preacher, a serious and earnest worker, a zealous and revival Christian."

(Mr. Whittlesey was Chaplain of the 11th. Regiment, Iowa Volunteers, during the War of the Rebellion).

Bethel, Vt. 1817.

A church was organized in this town prior to 1790 and had one pastor,

Rev. Thomas Russell. He was not a graduate of any college. He was settled in 1790 and dismissed in 1794. The church became extinct and the ground was oc-

cupied for some time by the Universalists. Mr. Russell did not sustain a good character. He went away leaving a wife and two children and never returned. The tradition is that he went to western New York or Ohio, married again and had children whom he named after those he left. It is not known when or where he died.

Bethlehem, N.H. October, 1802.

Rev. William Hutchinson of Lyndeborough was not a graduate of any college. He was ordained January 27, 1830 and was dismissed January 12, 1833. He preached as stated supply in several places, was a man of excellent spirit and a distinguished musician. He died of consumption April 24, 1842.

Bethlehem, Ct. 1739.

This was a parish of Woodbury till 1787.

Rev. Joseph Bellamy of Cheshire graduated at Yale in 1735 at the age of 16 years. He became pious soon after leaving college and commenced preaching at the age of 18. About this time he prepared a sermon in opposition to the half-way covenant. Rev. Jonathan Edwards of Northampton published a book on the same topic. As soon as the book appeared young Bellamy

started to see the author. He arrived at Northampton on Saturday, produced his credentials and was invited to preach. In the morning service he preached his half-way covenant sermon. Mr. Edwards was so intensely interested that he leaned forward to get a view of his face and when the service was concluded the two preachers were so engaged in earnest conversation that they had gone some rods from the church before Mr. Edwards discovered that he had left his hat. In 1740, at the age of 21, he became pastor of the church in Bethlehem and continued there till his death, March 6, 1790 in the 72nd. year of his age. Three years before his death he was prostrated by paralysis. During the great revival in the days of Whitefield he procured a supply for his pulpit and spent nearly three years as an itinerant. After this he devoted himself very closely to his studies. He read extensively on theological subjects, was quick to discern error and able in the refutation of it. He received the degree of D.D. from the University of Aberdeen. He early became a teacher of theological students and kept the principal school in the United States at that time to prepare young men for the ministry. His criticisms of the sermons

of his students were severe and sometimes sarcastic. He was a tall man and had great compass of voice. His works were published in three volumes. He married (1) Miss Frances Sherman, by whom he had two sons and a daughter, who married Rev. Levi Hart; (2) the widow of Rev. Andrew Storrs of Watertown.

Rev. Azel Backus of Franklin, Ct., graduated at Yale College in 1787, and was ordained in 1790. He continued here till 1813, when he accepted a call to the presidency of Hamilton College, where he died of an acute disease Dec. 28, 1816, aged 51 years. He was a man of ardent piety and of an original cast of thought. He received the degree of D.D. from Nassau Hall. He was not tall, but of rotund and well proportioned figure; he had a massive head. Rev. John Mason described him as the man that had a half bushel of brains. A pious negro, being asked what he thought of Mr. Backus, said:- "Mr. Backus make God great, but Massa Bellamy make him greater." Mr. Backus was much given to wit and drollery and could not, or did not, keep it out of the pulpit. He could weep when he pleased, in the pulpit or out of it, and make others weep; he could also laugh and make others laugh. His eyes were a fountain of tears.

Rev. John Langdon of Danbury graduated at Yale in 1809 and was for a time tutor in the college. He was ordained in 1816 and dismissed in 1825. He continued to reside here till his death, which occurred Feb'y 28, 1830, when 40 years of age. He had a well disciplined and well furnished mind, was a man of great decision and of pious devotion to his work amid many infirmities. During the five years that elapsed between his dismission and death he received from the people many tokens of kindness.

Rev. Benjamin F. Stanton of Stonington graduated at Union College in 1811, commenced the study of law, became pious and entered Princeton Theological Seminary, where he graduated in 1815, and was pastor of the Presbyterian church in Hudson, N.Y. from Nov. 12, 1815 to 1824. He resigned on account of ill health. He was pastor of this church from 1825 to 1829, when he was again obliged to resign on account of poor health. He sought employment in a warmer climate and preached at Hanover, Prince Edward County, Virginia. He was in that region till 1842. During this time he gave a course of lectures at the Union Theological Seminary in Virginia and gave instruction for a short time at Hampden Sidney College. He came north in 1843 and died at Syracuse, N.Y. November 18

of that year, aged 54. His disease was pulmonary consumption. He married (1) Martha B. Rogers of Schenectady, and (2) Charlotte Jenkins of Hudson. He had one son by each wife.

Rev. Paul Couch, 1830-1834

Rev. Fosdick Harrison, 1835-1850 (See Roxbury)

Beverly, Mass. First Church, March 23, 1657.

Beverly was originally a part of Salem and the church was a branch set off from the Salem church. They had preaching as early as 1650, but did not settle a minister for many years after the church was set off. Joshua and Jeremiah Hobart preached here several years. The first minister was

Rev. John Hale, son of Robert Hale of Charlestown. He graduated at Harvard in 1657 and was ordained September 20, 1667. He preached as a candidate about three years previous to his settlement. He was ranked among the most respectable ministers of his time. He was one of those who signed the testimony against the doings of the First Church in Boston in regard to the settlement of John Davenport. He preached the election sermon in 1684. In 1690 he was chaplain in the expedition against Canada. In 1692 he was unhappily engaged in defending prosecutions against those accused of witchcraft. He

did much to strengthen the delusion until his own wife was accused, which checked his zeal and led him to alter his opinions. He wrote an account of witchcraft which was published after his death in a volume containing 176 pages. He died May 15, 1700, in the 64th. year of his age. He had three wives; (1) Rebecca, daughter of Henry Byles of Salisbury; (2) Sarah Noyes, who was the one accused of witchcraft; and (3) Elizabeth (Somerby) Clark. He had five children. James, his third child, was the minister of Ashford, Ct. Nathan Hale, who was executed by the British as a spy in the Revolution, was his grandson.

Rev. Thomas Blowers, a native of Cambridge, graduated at Harvard in 1695 and was ordained October 29, 1701. He died in the ministry there June 17, 1729, in the 52nd. year of his age. He was a good scholar and an excellent minister; a man of ardent piety and of great meekness. He left a widow and six children.

Rev. Joseph Champney of Cambridge graduated at Harvard in 1721 and was ordained in December,1729. He continued here till he died, February 23, 1773, aged 69 years.

Rev . Joseph Willard, son of Rev. Samuel Willard of Biddeford, Me., graduated at Harvard in

1765, was tutor four years and ordained Nov. 25, 1772. He was dismissed Dec. 19, 1781, in consequence of his being appointed President of Harvard University. He received the degree of D.D. from Harvard in 1785 and of L.L.D. from Yale in 1791. He continued President of the college till he died, Sept. 25, 1804, aged 66 years. He was a man of piety and learning; he was somewhat austere, but courteous, and devoted himself to the best interests of the college. He was a correct Greek scholar and had few superiors in mathematics. He married Miss Mary Sheafe of Portsmouth, N.H., by whom he had several children. He published a few occasional sermons.

Rev. Joseph McKean, of Londonderry, N.H. graduated at Dartmouth in 1774, studied theology with Rev. Simon Williams of Windham, N.H., taught school in his native place several years and was ordained pastor May 11, 1785. He was a good scholar and a correct writer. In 1802 he was appointed first president of Bowdoin College and resigned his pastoral charge. He received the degree of D.D. from Dartmouth in 1804. He died suddenly, while sitting in his chair, July 15, 1807, in the 50th. year of his age. He was a man of sound judgment and great

sagacity; as a preacher solid rather than brilliant.

Rev. Abiel Abbot of Andover graduated at Harvard in 1792, studied theology with Rev. Mr. French, his pastor, and was ordained at Haverhill June 8, 1795. He resigned in 1803 and was installed pastor of this church December 14 of the same year. He was regarded in the latter part of his life as a Unitarian, though he claimed that he belonged to no sect but that of good men. He was courteous, social and an eloquent preacher. He spent the winter of 1827-28 in and near Charleston, S.C. In February, 1828 he went to Cuba and spent three months in exploring the island. He left Charleston for New York June 2 and died June 7, 1828, of yellow fever, the contagion of which he received at Havana. He was buried at the quarantine ground on Staten Island, aged 56 years. His letters from Cuba, with a memoir prefixed, was published in 1829. He also published five or six sermons. He received the degree of D.D. from Harvard in 1821.

Beverly, Mass., Second Church, December 28, 1715.

The first minister was Rev. John Chipman, son of Hon. John Chipman of Sandwich, and great grandson of Gov. Carver. He graduated at Harvard

in 1711 and was ordained the day the church was organized. In 1743 he was one of the assembly of pastors that drew up, signed and published their testimony that the revival of religion then extending through the country was truly a work of God. This fact shows the general character of the man. He continued in office till he died, March 23, 1775, aged 84 years, though he was unable to preach for some time before his death. He married Rebecca Hale, a granddaughter of Rev. John Hale of First Church, and had fifteen children.

Rev. Enos Hitchcock of Springfield graduated at Harvard in 1767 and was ordained May 1, 1771, colleague of the venerable Chipman. During the progress of the war he thought that duty to the army, the public and his family, in the fluctuating state of the currency, required him to resign his pastoral charge, which he did in 1780. After serving as chaplain in the army for a time he was installed pastor of the Benevolent congregation in Providence, R.I., October 1, 1783, where he died February 27, 1803, aged 59 years. He received the degree of D.D. from Brown in 1788. He was a liberal, kind-hearted man, evangelical in his sentiments and earnest in his efforts to do good.

Rev. Daniel Oliver of Woburn graduated at Dartmouth in 1785 and was ordained August 28, 1787. He was dismissed in August, 1797. After this he resided in Boston and was employed as a missionary. He was the father of Henry K. Oliver, a teacher and Adjutant General. Mr. Oliver died in Roxbury, August 14, 1840, aged 89 years.

Rev. Moses Dow of Atkinson, N.H. graduated at Dartmouth in 1796 and was ordained March 18, 1801. He was dismissed April 1, 1813 and installed at York, Me. Nov. 9, 1815. He was dismissed again Nov. 18, 1829 and removed to Plaistow, N.H., where he died in 1837, aged 66 years. He published three sermons.

Rev. Humphrey C. Perley of Boxford graduated at Dartmouth in 1791 and was ordained at Methuen Dec. 2, 1795. He was dismissed May 24, 1815 and installed over this church December 2, 1818. He was dismissed June 13, 1821. He died in 1838, aged 76 years.

Beverly, Mass. Dane Street Church, November 9, 1802.

Rev. Joseph Emerson of Hollis, N.H. graduated at Harvard in 1798, studied theology with Dr. Emmons in part, was tutor at Harvard and ordained pastor of this church September 21, 1803. He resigned on account of ill health in 1816. In 1818 he opened a

school for females in Beverly, which he removed to Saugus in 1821, was pastor of the church there and conducted his school at the same time. In 1824, finding the double responsibility enfeebling his health, he relinquished his pastoral charge and removed to Wethersfield, Ct., where he had a flourishing seminary. He died May 13, 1853, aged 56 years, a very useful man.

Beverly, Mass., Fourth Church, September 1, 1834.
" " Washington St. Church, Feb'y 8, 1837.

Biddeford, Me. First Church, April 30, 1730.

Rev. Samuel Willard, grandson of Rev. Samuel Willard of Boston, graduated at Harvard in 1723. He was ordained the day the church was organized and continued in office till he died, October 25, 1741, aged 36 years. He married Abigail Wright of Rutland, Mass., by whom he had four children, one of whom, Joseph, was President of Harvard College. Mr. Willard died suddenly at Kittery, where he went to preach.

Rev. Moses Morrill of Salisbury, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1737 and was ordained in September, 1742. He continued in office till he died, in Feb'y, 1778, aged 56 years.

Rev. Nathaniel Webster graduated at Harvard in

1769 and was ordained April 14, 1779. He sustained a pastoral relation to the church till he died, March 8, 1830, aged 81 years.

Rev. Jonathan Ward, son of Rev. Jonathan Ward of Alna, graduated at Dartmouth in 1822 and was ordained October 26, 1825. He died in a few months, Feb'y 3, 1826, aged 25 years.

Rev. Christopher Marsh, 1828-31 (See Sanford)

Rev. Stephen Merrill of Conway, N.H. was not a graduate of any college. He was pastor of the v church in Kittery from 1821 to 1831 and of this church from 1831 to 1839. After this he preached as stated supply at Lisbon, Buxton, Acton and other places till 1850, when he removed to North Wolfborough, N.H. and without being installed preached there till he died, June 23, 1860.

Biddeford, Me., Second Church, March 1, 1805.

Rev. John Turner, 1805-18 (See Alfred)

Rev. Christopher Marsh, 1828-1832, (See Sanford)

Rev. Stephen Morse, 1833-35 (See Merrimack, N.H.)

Rev. Thomas N. Lord, 1842-51

Rev. Samuel Gould, 1853-56

Rev. Charles Packard, 1857-64 (See Lancaster)

Rev. Stephen Morse (mentioned above) of Bradford, Mass. graduated at Dartmouth in 1821, studied theology

* This probably should be 1831; see First Church.

with Rev. Mr. Perry in his native place and was ordained pastor of the church in Merrimack, N.H., July 6, 1825 and dismissed in 1828. He was installed pastor of the church in Troy, N.H. June 14, 1829 and dismissed Jan'y 31, 1833, because he was soundly orthodox and zealous in the cause of temperance. He was installed pastor of this church Sept. 25, 1833 and dismissed July 9, 1835. After this he spent some years in Vermont. He resided at Thetford the latter part of his life and died there May 22, 1855, aged 61 years. He was a man of excellent Christian character and was suddenly removed from the trials of earth to the rest of the righteous.

Biddeford, Me. Pavilion Church October 6, 1857

Billerica, Mass. November 11, 1663.

The first minister was Rev. Samuel Whiting, son of Rev. Mr. Whiting of Lynn. He was born in England, but graduated at Harvard in 1653. He began to preach at Billerica in 1658 and was ordained when the church was organized. He was a man of respectable talents and was called to preach on public occasions, but does not appear to have published anything. Mather speaks of him as a holy and faithful minister of the Gospel. He was one of the 17 who bore

testimony against the settlement of Davenport in the First Church in Boston. He died Feb'y 28, 1713, in the 80th. year of his age; his wife died Feb'y 16, twelve days before, aged 76 years. She was Dorcas Chester, daughter of Leonard Chester of Wethersfield, Ct. They had eleven children, one of whom, John, was a minister in Lancaster.

Rev. Samuel Ruggles was born Dec. 3, 1681 in Roxbury and graduated at Harvard in 1702. He was ordained colleague with Mr. Whiting May 19, 1708 and died March 1, 1749, in the 68th. year of his age. His mother was Martha, daughter of Rev. John Woodbridge of Andover.

Rev. John Chandler, son of Thomas Chandler of Andover, graduated at Harvard in 1743 and was ordained colleague with Mr. Ruggles Oct. 21, 1747. He was dismissed June 5, 1760, but continued to reside in the town till his death, Nov. 10, 1762, in the 40th. year of his age. He was dismissed in consequence of intemperance.

Rev. Henry Cummings was born at Tyngsborough and graduated at Harvard in 1760. He received from his alma mater the degree of D.D. He was a man of considerable eminence and preached often on public

occasions. He published 16 occasional discourses. He died Sept. 6, 1823, aged 84.

Billerica, Mass. Orthodox Church April 30, 1829.

Bingham, Me. July 24, 1805.

Rev. Josiah Tucker 1837-1841 (See Madison)

Rev. Sidney Turner was a mechanic residing in Portland at the time of his conversion. He graduated at Bangor in 1837 and preached as stated supply in various churches, and was acting pastor of this church from 1847 till he died, May 30, 1859, aged 49 years. He was a laborious and faithful minister.

Blackstone, Mass. Sept. 14, 1768.

This was the second parish of Mendon for many years.

Rev. Benjamin Balch, 1766-72 (See Barrington)

Rev. Nathaniel Barker was pastor of this church from 1827 to 1833, when it was merged in a church called Milville.

Rev. Daniel Cushman, 1836-1840

Rev. Willard Holbrook, 1841-1850 (See Rowley)

The present church was organized April 15, 1841.

Blanchard, Me. March, 1833.

Blandford, Mass. 1735

It was made up of emigrants from the North of Ireland. It was organized at Hopkinton by Rev. Thomas Prince of Boston and was Presbyterian till the year 1800.

Rev. William McClanathan of Ireland came to Georgetown, Me., was an ordained evangelist and supplied the pulpit from 1734 to 1743. In 1744 he was installed pastor of this church and dismissed in 1748. He was installed at Chelsea soon after, but had some difficulty with the people and was tried before a council in 1754. He left soon after, became an Episcopalian and returned to Ireland.

Rev. James Morton of Middleton, County of Arnagh, Ireland, was educated in his native land and installed pastor of this church in August, 1749, having come to this country a short time previous. They agreed to give him his wood and $153. in money. He was moreover furnished with a lot of land. For two years there was a good degree of harmony, succeeded by sixteen years of strife and contention. He was not a great preacher, nor had he a happy talent in conversation, or in communicating instruction. At first a minority of the church was opposed to him, which in

process of time became the majority. The Association was often consulted and two or three councils called. He was finally dismissed June 3, 1787. By having his mind constantly engrossed with his difficulties, his ministerial gifts and Christian graces suffered very much and he became finally completely secularized. He continued to reside here till his death, which occurred Oct. 1, 1793, aged 79 years.

Rev. Joseph Patrick of Warren graduated at Yale in 1769 and was ordained June 35, 1772 according to Presbyterian usage. Rev. Mr. Houston of Bedford, N.H. presided and Rev. Mr. Jones of Warren preached the sermon. The ordination was under a tree. The presbytery, before setting him apart to the sacred work, admonished him for riding from an adjacent town on Sabbath evening and also those who complained of his doing it. He was dismissed the December following and died in 1783. The church was destitute of a pastor fifteen years.

Rev. Joseph Badger of Wilbraham graduated at Yale in 1785, fitted for college with Rev. Jeremiah Day of Preston, Ct., studied theology with Mr. Leavenworth of Waterbury and was ordained Oct. 24, 1787. He was dismissed Oct. 24, 1800 to engage in missionary

work in Ohio, for which he was eminently qualified. In that new country he labored hard and suffered much. In 1812 he was chaplain in the army. He died in Wood County, Ohio, in 1846, aged 89 years. He married (1) Lois, a daughter of Stephen Noble of New Milford, Ct., and had seven children; (2) Abigail Ely of Wilbraham.

Bloomfield, Me. January, 1785

This was a parish of Canaan till 1814, when it became a town. The church was Presbyterian.

Rev. Nathaniel Whitaker of Long Island graduated at Princeton in 1752, was pastor a short time in Woodbridge, N.J., and of the 2nd. Church in Norwich, Ct. from 1761 to 1769. A part of the church was in favor of the Presbyterian form of government, but for the sake of peace they agreed to adopt no human form of discipline and to make the Bible their guide. In 1766 Mr. Whitaker visited England in company with Mr. Occum, an Indian preacher, to collect funds for an Indian school and was absent a year and a half.

He was a man of fine talents and prepossessing in his appearance, but not distinguished for spiritual-mindedness.

His conduct was sometimes "irregular".

July 28, 1769 he was installed at Salem, Mass. In 1774 he declared himself a Presbyterian and said the church had been substantially under Presbyterian rule ever since his installation. He received the degree of D.D. from Dartmouth. He left Salem Feb'y 24, 1784 and was installed here September 10 of the same year, before the church was organized. He was dismissed in 1789 and removed to Hampton, Va., where he died January 21, 1795, aged 63 years.

Rev. Jonathan Calef of Kingston, N.H., graduated at Dartmouth in 1787 and was ordained June 11, 1794. He was dismissed in 1798 and installed at Lyman December 2, 1801. He continued pastor of this church till May 11, 1831, when he resigned and was not again settled. He died at Lyman April 24, 1845, aged 83 years. He married a daughter of Dr. Hemmenway of Wells.

Rev. John Cayford, an Englishman, was pastor of this church from September, 1809 to December, 1812. He was dismissed, among other reasons, because he talked too much of politics and too little of religion. He became a Baptist, was afterwards put in jail for some misconduct, and finally went to Florida, where he died.

Rev. Fifield Holt of Hollis, N.H. graduated at

Middlebury in 1810 and at Andover in 1813. He was ordained June 15, 1814 and continued in office till he died, November 15, 1830, aged 46 years.

Bloomfield, Ct. Feb'y 14, 1738.

Rev. Hezekiah Bissell of Windsor graduated at Yale in 1733 and was ordained Feb'y 15, 1738. In consequence of ill health he did not preach after 1779; he continued in office, however, till he died, Jan'y 28, 1783, aged 72 years. He was an advocate for the half-way covenant.

Rev. Solomon Wolcott graduated at Dartmouth in 1776 and was pastor of the church in North Stamford from 1780 to 1786. He was installed here May 24, 1786, though there was much opposition to him on the ground that he was a Baptist. He was dismissed in 1790 and went to Canajoharie, N.Y.

Rev. William F. Miller graduated at Yale in 1786 and was ordained November 30, 1791. A part of the church went off about the time he was settled and formed a Baptist church. He continued in office till he died in 1811.

Rev. John Bartlett, 1815-1831

Rev. Ansel Nash, 1831-1835 (See Tolland)

Bluehill, Me. October, 1772.

Rev. Jonathan Fisher was born in New Braintree, Mass., lived afterwards at Dedham, graduated at Harvard in 1792, studied theology with Prof. Tappan, came to this place in 1794 and was ordained July 19, 1796. He was a man of genius and talent and very industrious. He had a well managed farm; he made a clock which faithfully measured time for him as long as he lived; had nearly completed a Hebrew Lexicon when Prof. Gibbs published his and prevented his proceeding further; he wrote poetry and painted his own portrait, a perfect likeness of the original. He made engravings of most of the animals mentioned in the Bible with his pen knife and used them to illustrate a book for children. He was regarded as rather eccentric, but he was a good man, conscientious, serious and devout. His sermons were pervaded with a high-toned Calvinism. He was dismissed in 1837, but continued to reside in the place till he died, Sept. 22, 1856, being 80 years old, lacking 15 days.

Rev. Albert Cole of Saco graduated at Bowdoin in 1834 and at Bangor in 1837. He was ordained October 24, 1837 and continued in office till he died in 1844, aged 35 years.

Bolton, Mass. Nov. 4, 1741.

Rev. Thomas Goss was the first minister. He graduated at Harvard in 1737, was a man of more than ordinary talent and lived for many years in harmony with his people, but the latter part of his life was embittered by division and contention. He was Arminian in his doctrinal views, as were most of the neighboring clergymen, while the people continued to walk in the old paths and adhered to the Calvinistic faith. In 1771 various complaints were alleged against him by the people and a council was called. It being made up of men who sympathized with the pastor, he was exculpated. The church, finding they could obtain no relief from the action of a council, took the matter into their own hands and proceeded to dissolve the pastoral relation.

The neighboring clergy, considering this a high handed assumption of power on the part of the laity, met in council and censured the Bolton church, intending to exclude them from communion and fellowship with other churches. The people being thus put upon the defensive, other churches suffering from the prevalence of Arminianism made common cause with them against the ministers. The Bolton church maintained that they were sustained in the course they had taken

by the practice of the primitive churches and by their own platform. The history of that strife has never been written. I think Mr. Goss regarded himself as pastor till his death, which occurred Jan'y 17, 1780, at the age of 63.

Rev. John Walley, 1773-1784 (See Ipswich)

Rev. Phineas Wright of Westford graduated at Harvard in 1772, spent several years in teaching and was ordained October 26, 1785. "He was a man of sound judgment, of uncommon colloquial powers, given to hospitality and exceedingly well adapted to preserve peace and harmony in a society." He was such a man as the people very much needed. Under his ministrations the church was prosperous. He died of a paralytic disorder December 26, 1802, aged 56 years.

Rev. Isaac Allen of Weston graduated at Harvard in 1798 and was ordained March 14, 1804. He became avowedly a Unitarian and continued in office till he died, in 1844.

Bolton, Mass. Orthodox Church. March 17, 1830.

It was made up of individuals from Lancaster, Berlin, Stow and Bolton. Its meeting house was erected chiefly by the liberality of S.V.S.Wilder. Since this church was organized orthodox churches have been organ-

ized in most of the towns to which its members belonged, in consequence of which it has become extinct. This is the Hillside Church, which is the title of a small volume by Rev. Dr. Chickering of Portland, Me., who was its only pastor.

Bolton, Ct. October 27, 1725.

Rev. Thomas White of Hatfield, Mass., graduated at Yale in 1720 and was ordained at or near the time the church was organized. He continued in office till he died, Feb'y 22, 1763, aged 62 years. He is supposed to have studied theology with Rev. Solomon Stoddard of Northampton. He married Martha, the daughter of Jonathan Hunt of Northampton, and had two daughters.

Rev. George Colton, son of Rev. Benjamin Colton of West Hartford, graduated at Yale in 1756 and was ordained in 1763. He continued in office till he died, in June, 1812, aged 76 years. He was a very tall man, of slender form, straight as an arrow and was sportively called "the High Priest of Bolton". He married the widow Martha Strong and had no children. He was a grave looking man, taciturn and eccentric, and yet a useful and devoted minister. As a specimen of his eccentricity he is said to have prayed in his church

on the Sabbath that the "Lord would have mercy on that infidel, who lives on the stage road half way between Norwich and Hartford."

Rev. Philander Parmelee of Killingworth graduated at Yale in 1809 and was ordained pastor of a church in Victor, N.Y. in May, 1812, but in consequence of embarrassments occasioned by the war, he was dismissed in 1814 and installed pastor of this church Nov. 8, 1815. He died of typhus fever Dec. 27, 1823, in the 40th. year of his age. He was a very devoted minister, and one whom the Lord greatly blessed. He was an intimate friend of Rev. Mr. Nettleton and took the fever of him, while he was sick at his house.

Rev. Lavius Hyde was born in Franklin Jan'y 29, 1789, graduated at Williams in 1813, was licensed by the New London Association in 1816 and was ordained pastor of the church in Salisbury in March, 1818. He was dismissed in August, 1822 and was pastor of this church from December, 1823 to April, 1830, and again from December, 1849 to January, 1860. He was at Ellington, Ct. from 1830 to 1834, at Wayland, Mass. from 1835 to 1840, and at Becket from 1841 to 1849. He was a half brother of Rev. Alvan Hyde, D.D. of Lee

and compiled the Memoir of him. He married Abby Curtiss of Stockbridge, Mass. and had four children. Mrs. Hyde is the author of several hymns in Nettleton's "Village Hymns".

Mr. Hyde continued to reside at Bolton till he died suddenly, April 3, 1865, in the 77th. year of his age. He loved books and lived among them. He excelled as a pastor more than as a preacher.

Boothbay, Me. 1767.

Rev. John Murray of Antrim Co., Ireland, was educated in the university in Edinburgh, came to this country about 1762, and was settled over the Second Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia. It was ascertained that he had been guilty of a serious misdemeanor in regard to the signature of his credentials, on account of which he left, came to this place and was a prominent member of the presbytery that was formed in this neighborhood. Mr. Parsons, having examined his case, was convinced that his sin was not unpardonable and invited him to preach for him at Newburyport. The Boston presbytery refused to fellowship him but(after the death of Mr. Parsons), after some delay and much hesitation on his part, he became their pastor June 4, 1781, without a

formal installation. He was a remarkable preacher and drew great crowds to hear him. He died March 13, 1793, aged 51 years.

Rev. John Sawyer 1798 - 1808 (See Orford)

Rev. Jabez P. Fisher of Wrentham, Mass. graduated at Brown in 1788 and was ordained Feb'y 24, 1796 pastor of the church in Hudson, N.H. He was dismissed in 1801 and labored as a missionary for a few years. He was installed pastor of this church in June, 1809 and dismissed in November, 1816. He removed to Deering, N.H., supplied the pulpit there and in the vicinity till he died, Dec. 13, 1836, aged 73 years. He married Fanny Auld of Boothbay. He was shrewd, frank and independent, and sound in doctrine.

Boothbay Harbor June 12, 1749

Boscawen, N.H. October 8, 1740

Rev. Phineas Stevens of Andover, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1734 and was ordained the day the church was organized. He continued here till he died, Jan'y 19, 1755, aged 43 years. He had the confidence and affection of the people in a high degree.

Rev. Robie Morrill of Salisbury, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1755 and was ordained Dec. 29, 1761. He had one thousand pounds settlement in New Hampshire

money and seven hundred pounds salary. Some difficulties occurred and he was dismissed Dec. 9, 1766. He continued in town, a very useful, respectable and exemplary citizen, till his death, Sept. 23, 1813, aged 77 years.

Rev. Nathaniel Merrill of Newbury, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1767 and was ordained Oct. 19, 1768. His settlement was 80 acres of land, which cost $100., and his salary, forty-two pounds lawful money, 20 cords of wood and the use of the parsonage. He was inclined to Presbyterianism and induced the church to adopt in part that form of government. The people of the town were dissatisfied and a controversy arose which resulted in his removal April 1, 1774. He was pastor of the church in Pelham, Mass. from 1775 about three years. He died in Oct. 1791, aged 48 years. The wisdom of the serpent and harmlessness of the dove were not very happily blended in Mr. Merrill and the popularity which he at first acquired did not last long. The church continued nominally Presbyterian till 1828.

Rev. Samuel Wood of Mansfield, Ct. graduated at Dartmouth in 1779 and was ordained October 17, 1781. He continued in office till he died, Dec. 24, 1836, aged

85 years. He had a colleague in 1832. He received the degree of D.D. from Dartmouth in 1820. He fitted about 80 young men for college and was a man highly esteemed. His ministry was long and for many years there was contention and discord among the people. The church was very feeble. He labored faithfully until the Lord came to his help and a happy change came over the place.

Rev. Salmon Bennett 1832-1836

Rev. Caleb B. Tracy 1837-1851

Rev. Ambrose Smith graduated at Dartmouth in 1845 and at Andover in 1849. He was ordained pastor of this church June 15, 1853 and continued in office till he died, October 3, 1862, aged 42 years. He left a wife and three children.

Boscawen, N.H. West Parish Sept. 10, 1804.

Boston, Mass. First Church, August 27, 1630

This church was organized at Charlestown. There were then but few people at Shawmut or Trimontane, as Boston was then called, and they belonged to the church at Charlestown. Soon the population of Boston was so much increased that it was voted to hold their meetings there on the Sabbath. November

22, 1632 the church was permanently located at Boston and the Charlestown members dismissed to be organized into a separate church.

Rev. John Wilson of Windsor, England, graduated at Cambridge in 1605, was a minister in his native country, came here in 1630 and was ordained when the church was organized. He was re-ordained at Boston. Gov. Winthrop said that the re-ordination of ministers did not signify a renunciation of the ministry they had received, but was rather a sign and confirmation of their election. "He was a very holy and upright man and for faith and love inferior to none in the country." He was humble and, among all worthy men, took the last place. In his sermons there were no distinct propositions; they abounded in exhortations, admonitions, and good, wholesome advice. One who heard him said: "Methinks I hear an apostle when I hear this man." He published in England a small volume entitled "Helps to Faith." He died Aug. 7, 1667, in the 79th. year of his age. He studied law three years after his graduation. His wife did not come over till 1635; affection and zeal were prominent traits in his character. He married Elizabeth Mansfield and had four children.

Rev. John Cotton of Derby, England, graduated

at Cambridge and was a minister in England. He came to Boston Sept. 4, 1633. He was then in his 48th. year. His fame preceded his arrival and prepared for him a hearty welcome. His talents were considered the common property of the colony and the question was where he should reside and how receive an honorable support. It was proposed by some that his salary should be paid from the public treasury. The Governor and Council advised that he should reside in Boston and that his salary should be paid by the church there. He was accordingly ordained teacher of the First Church Oct. 17, 1633 and associated with Mr. Wilson. His influence was such that what he recommended in his sermons was adopted by the church and his counsels in reference to political matters were enforced by the General Court. No other minister in New England ever had such an overshadowing influence over all the interests of the people. Many disputes were settled by his preaching.

In 1636 this church was greatly agitated by the theological sentiments of Mrs. Anna Hutchinson, who conducted female meetings in Boston and, being a woman of more than ordinary talents, embraced that opportunity to disseminate her own religious opinions. Mr. Cotton was favorably disposed toward some of her views and,

admiring her zeal, emboldened her to say and do what otherwise she might not. She said there was no minister, except Mr. Cotton, that preached the doctrine of grace. The church was deeply agitated and the General Court took action on the subject. August, 1637 a council or synod of all the ministers then in New England convened at Cambridge and condemned 80 opinions advanced by her as erroneous. She was excommunicated in May, 1638 and afterward banished by the authority of the General Court from the province. She went to Rhode Island and from thence to a Dutch settlement beyond New Haven, where she and her family in 1643 were massacred by the Indians. Mr. Cotton's course affected his popularity for a time, but he finally turned against her. He was a man of great learning; he spoke Latin and Hebrew with considerable fluency. He was so well skilled in the interpretation of the Scriptures that it was recommended to the church to release him from his labors for a time that he might have leisure to write out a commentary of some parts of the Bible. He died of inflammation of the lungs Dec. 23, 1652, in the 68th. year of his age. He observed the Sabbath from evening to evening and introduced this custom into New England. He had a fair

complexion, was not tall and in the latter part of his life his hair was as white as snow. He married (1) Elizabeth Horrocks and (2) Widow Sarah Story, by whom he had all his children.

Rev. John Norton of Storford, England, graduated at Cambridge in 1623 and was some time minister in his native land. He came to America in 1635 and was pastor of the church at Ipswich from 1636 to 1656. He was ordained at Boston July 23, 1656. He was eminent for his literary and theological attainments. He was the author of the first Latin book ever written in this country. It was an answer to certain questions on church government, proposed by a Dutch divine. The people of his former charge at Ipswich frequently walked to Boston to attend his Thursday lecture. Young ministers made him their model as to matter and manner. He was strictly Calvinistic in doctrine. In 1662 he and Mr. Bradstreet went to England with an address to the King, which was coldly received by him. There were some who imputed the failure of the mission to Mr. Norton's fault, which was very painful to him and perhaps hastened his death. He died of apoplexy April 5, 1663, aged 57 years. He was twice married. His second wife was Mary Mason of Boston. He had no children.

Rev. John Davenport of Coventry, England, graduated at Oxford, preached in London, was a non-conformist, went to Holland and came from thence to this country in 1637. He tarried a while at Boston, but on the arrival of some of his London friends he went with them to New Haven, Ct., assisted in the organization of that church and was its first pastor. He was there from 1639 to 1668. He received an invitation to succeed Mr. Wilson in Sept. 1667; the call was not unanimous; a respectable minority opposed the call, partly on account of his age, he being then 70 years old, but more particularly because he was opposed to the result of the synod of 1662, which recommended that persons of good moral character owning the covenant might have their children baptized. This was what has since been called the half-way covenant. The majority of the church were opposed to the decree of the synod and determined to have a minister who thought as they did. Notwithstanding the opposition of the minority, and the wish of the church in New Haven to retain him, he accepted the call and was ordained December 9, 1668. Seventeen ministers in the region about Boston sent in a protest against his settlement. The minority withdrew and organized another

church, now called the Old South. His ministry, however, was short; he died of apoplexy March 15, 1670, in the 73rd. year of his age. Mather says, "He was a prince of preachers and worthy of preaching to princes."

Rev. James Allen of England, being ejected from the ministry by the Act of Uniformity in 1662, came to America the next year and was ordained the same day that Mr. Davenport was, an associate pastor. He graduated at Oxford. He was a man of learning and sound judgment; his influence was deservedly great. He published some occasional sermons, and essays on polemical theology. He is said to have been "humble, rich, and one that could be generous when the humor was upon him." His great wealth gave him a power which he used as a good bishop should. He died Sept. 22, 1710, aged 78 years. He lived in the style of an English gentleman in a stone house corner of Beacon and Somerset Sts. and had in Boston a farm of 40 acres. He married (1) Hannah, daughter of Richard Dummer; (2) Elizabeth(Houchin) Endicott, widow of John Endicott; and (3) Sarah (Hawkins) Breck, widow of Robert Breck, and had six children.

Rev. John Oxenbridge of Daventry, England, graduated at Oxford in 1631. He had the care of a church at the Bermudas and afterwards was pastor at Beverly, England. He was ejected in 1662, went to Surrinam and Barbadoes, from there he came to Boston in 1669, and was chosen pastor April 10, 1670. There is no record of his formal induction into office. He was an elegant writer and an eloquent preacher. His labors produced among the members of his congregation a lively interest in the subject of religion. He was taken sick while preaching his Thursday lecture, December 23, 1674, and died on the 28th., aged 65 years. He was thrice married before he came to Boston.

Rev. Joshua Moodey, son of William Moodey of Newbury, graduated at Harvard in 1653. He preached at Portsmouth, N.H. from 1658 to 1671, without being ordained pastor of the church. He was finally ordained July 12, 1671. In 1684 Lieut. Gov. Cranfield, being offended on account of his faithful preaching, issued an order requiring ministers to admit all persons to the communion who were not vicious, if they wished it, declaring that if any minister refused to do it he should suffer the penalty of the

law against non-conformists. Mr. Moodey did not obey the order, was imprisoned in the early part of 1684, but afterwards, being released, he went to Boston and was invited to assist Mr. Allen. He continued there 8 years, till 1692, when he was invited to return to Portsmouth; he did so and preached there till 1697 when, becoming diseased by too close application to study, he went to Boston for medical advice and died there July 4th. of that year, in the 65th. year of his age. He wrote between four and five thousand sermons. While at Boston he succeeded in securing the release of Mr. and Mrs. English of Salem, who were imprisoned at Boston for witchcraft, and sent them to New York, by which means their lives were preserved. He was one of the few who dared to oppose the hanging of witches. He was a bold and intrepid man and had the testimony of a good conscience.

Rev. John Bailey, 1693-1697 (See Watertown)

Rev. Benjamin Wadsworth of Milton graduated at Harvard in 1690, began to preach here in November, 1693, and was ordained Sept. 8, 1696. The imposition of hands at his ordination was by ministers only, which was a new thing; it had been customary for the elders of the church to perform that ceremony, signifying that

the power of ordination was in the church and not in the ministry. He continued pastor till 1725, when he was elected president of Harvard College. He died March 12, 1737, in the 68th. year of his age. His mind was strong rather than brilliant; his memory was uncommonly retentive; he could quote almost any verse in the Bible without turning to it. He wrote his sermons with care and delivered them memoriter. He gave to the poor one tenth of his income. He was a better pastor than president, not being a man of extensive erudition. His publications were numerous.

Rev. Thomas Bridge of Hackney, England, was educated in England and engaged in mercantile business. Having entered the ministry, he traveled in countries about the Mediterranean, preached in the West Indies, came to Boston, and was installed pastor of this church May 10, 1705. He died Sept. 26, 1715, in the 59th. year of his age. He was a meek and humble man, not easily excited, upright in his dealings and irreproachable in his morals. Prayer was his gift, and the Bible his library. The expenses of his funeral were 104 pounds, which was paid by the church.

Rev. Thomas Foxcroft of Cambridge graduated at

Harvard in 1714 and was ordained Nov. 20, 1717. In early life he was a very captivating preacher, but in 1736 he received a paralytic shock, which obscured somewhat the lustre of his talents. He was a critical Greek scholar and a theologian of some excellence. His publications numbered 32, mostly single sermons. He published an apology for Whitefield. He died June 18, 1769, in the 73rd. year of his age. He was a decided Calvinist. His son Samuel was a minister. He married Ann Coney in 1718.

Rev. Charles Chauncey, of Boston, graduated at Harvard in 1721 and was ordained Oct. 25, 1727. He was a great-grandson of President Chauncey of Harvard, and grandson of Rev. Isaac Chauncey of London. He entered college at the age of 12. There was nothing in his preaching that attracted much attention for a few years. He became a voluminous writer and an earnest controversialist. He took strong ground against Whitefield and may be regarded as the leader of the opposition. Edwards wrote against Chauncey. In 1742 he received the degree of D.D. from the University of Edinburgh. He differed very widely from most of his contemporaries on many doctrinal points. He rejected

the idea that man is totally depraved and that sinners will be punished eternally. The number of his publications was 53. He died Feb'y 10, 1787, in the 83rd. year of his age. He married (1) Elizabeth Hirst, (2) Miss Phillips, and (3) Mary Stoddard.

Rev. John Clarke of Portsmouth, N.H., graduated at Harvard in 1774 and was ordained July 8, 1778. He was seized with a fit of apoplexy during his afternoon sermon on Sabbath day, April 1, 1798, and lived but 12 hours, being in the 43rd. year of his age. He received the degree of D.D. from Edinburgh.

Rev. William Emerson, 1799-1814 (See Harvard)

Boston, Mass. Old North or Second Church 1650

The Second Church was called the Old North. In Mass. Hist. Coll., Vol. 3, p.257, it is said it was gathered in 1649. There being too many people in Boston to meet in one assembly, it was thought proper that those who dwelt in the northeastern part of the town should gather into a church body and worship by themselves. Rev. Samuel Mather, an elder brother of Increase Mather, D.D., is said to have preached the opening sermon in this church.

Rev. John Mayo, 1655-1672 (See Eastham)

Rev. Increase Mather, son of Rev. Richard Mather of Dorchester, graduated at Harvard in 1656 and was ordained May 27, 1669. After his graduation he went to Europe and entered the University at Dublin; in 1658, being only 19 years old, he took the degree of Master of Arts. His son Cotton says he was ordained in 1664. He married (1) Maria, daughter of Rev. John Cotton, and had ten children; (2) Anna (Lake), widow of Rev. John Cotton of Hampton, N.H. In 1684 he was appointed president of Harvard College, but the church not being willing to give him up, it was agreed that he should preach in Boston on the Sabbath and attend to the duties of the college during the week. In 1701 he resigned the presidency, because the General Court passed an act requiring the president to reside at Cambridge. The corporation conferred on him the degree of D.D., the first ever conferred by the college, and it was not conferred on any other individual for 79 years. In 1688 he went to England, as an agent of the State, to procure if possible the restoration of the old charter; he labored faithfully for the benefit of his country and returned in 1691, having succeeded in obtaining a new charter which was quite as good as the old one,

for it put an end to the despotic rule of Andros.

His mental endowments were of a superior order; his learning was extensive; he was active and industrious; he gave away one tenth of his income; his gifts, his preaching and his writings were excellent. His publications were 92. He died August 23, 1723, aged 84 years.

Rev. Cotton Mather, son of Dr. Increase Mather, graduated at Harvard in 1678 and was ordained May 13, 1684, colleague with his father. He was considered the most learned man in New England - was the author of 283 distinct publications, many of which were of considerable magnitude. His "Magnalia" has immortalized his name. He acquired knowledge with great facility and had a peculiar tact for learning languages. Like many others of his day he believed in witchcraft and thought a witch ought not to live. He was a good man and useful in his day, and being dead yet speaketh. He was thrice married. He married (1) Abigail Phillips of Charlestown, by whom he had 7 children; (2) Elizabeth (Hubbard), widow of Dr. John Clark, by whom he had 6 children; and (3) Lydia (Lee), widow of John George of Boston. He received the

degree of D.D. from the university in Glasgow. He died Feb'y 23, 1728, aged 65 years. All the leading clergymen in New England noticed his death by preaching funeral sermons.

Rev. Joshua Gee of Boston graduated at Harvard in 1717 and was ordained Dec. 18, 1723. He died May 22, 1748, aged 50 years. He had a clear head and a strong one; few saw farther or could reason better, but he was indolent; he preferred talking with friends to everything else. He was the author of some sermons and polemical treatises. He was a high Calvinist, a friend of the great awakening, and wrote in its defense. He married a daughter of Rev. Mr. Rogers of Portsmouth, N.H.

Rev. Samuel Mather, son of Dr. Cotton Mather, graduated at Harvard in 1723 and was ordained June 21, 1732. He received the degree of D.D. from Glasgow. In 1742 he and a part of his church, being dissatisfied with Mr. Gee's Calvinism, withdrew and built a house on Bennet St., where they worshipped till the death of Dr. Mather, which occurred June 27, 1785, aged 79 years. He published 14 sermons and essays. He was buried, agreeable to his request, without the

usual funeral ceremonies. One bell was tolled and his remains were deposited in the tomb at eight o'clock in the evening, attended only by his children. His wife was a sister of Gov. Hutchinson. They had four children. His church was sold to the Universalists after his decease.

Rev. Samuel Checkley,Jr. of Boston graduated at Harvard in 1743 and was ordained Sept. 3, 1747. He was son of Rev. Samuel Checkley of the New South Church. He died March 19, 1768, aged 44 years. He was a man of talent and much respected.

Mr. Checkley was distinguished for a peculiar sort of eloquence and an uncommon felicity in his devotional services. He published only one sermon. He left the church records very imperfect.

Rev. John Lathrop of Norwich, Ct., graduated at Nassau Hall in 1763 and was ordained May 18, 1768. He preached his own ordination sermon,- text, Philippians 1,17. He died Jan'y 4, 1816, aged 77 years. About 1779, soon after the death of Dr. Pemberton, this church united with the New North and Mr. Lathrop was pastor of the united church about 37 years. He received the degree of D.D. from Edinburgh.

Boston, Mass. Old South May, 1669

This church was composed of members of the First Church who were dissatisfied with Mr. Davenport for leaving New Haven, and more particularly because he was opposed to the decree of the synod of 1662, which recommended the half-way covenant.

Rev. Thomas Thacher 1670-1678 (See Weymouth)

Rev. Samuel Willard 1678-1707 (See Groton)

Rev. Ebenezer Pemberton, son of James Pemberton, one of the founders of this church, graduated at Harvard in 1691, where he was afterwards tutor, was ordained August 28, 1700, and died Feb'y 13, 1717, aged 46 years. His body was kept five days. He was a man of genius and extensive learning, a preacher of elevated thought, of a masculine style; of flaming zeal in the cause of God, violent when excited but at other times gentle as a lamb. He was esteemed as a Christian and was a faithful pastor. An octavo volume of his sermons was published after his death, composed chiefly of occasional sermons published during his life. He married Mrs. Mary Clark, by whom he had four children.

Rev. Joseph Sewall, son of Chief Justice Sewall, graduated at Harvard in 1707, and was or-

dained Sept. 16, 1713. He married Elizabeth Walley, daughter of Hon. John Walley, and received the degree of D.D. from Glasgow in 1731. He died June 27, 1769, in the 81st. year of his age. In his ministerial character he was zealous and faithful; several of his sermons were published and were honorable to his talents and piety. He laid great stress on the orthodox system of faith and could hardly believe one a Christian who did not embrace it.

Rev. Thomas Prince of Sandwich, graduated at Harvard in 1707, after which he spent several years in Europe, became acquainted with many learned men and collected many valuable books. On his return to this country he was ordained pastor of this church October 1, 1718. He was not a very popular preacher, but was a faithful pastor and an exemplary minister. He was particularly distinguished as a historian. No man had lived in New England who had done so much for its history; there is nothing which came from his pen that is not now valuable. His publications were numerous, amounting to more than 50, the most important of which is his New England Chronology. He gave his library to the

church of which he was pastor; it is rich in publications pertaining to the ecclesiastical history of New England. He died October 22, 1758, in the 72nd. year of his age. The following notice of his death appeared in the Boston News Letter:- "Last Lord's day in the afternoon died, very much lamented, after a long and languishing indisposition, the reverend and learned Mr. Thomas Prince." His funeral sermon was preached by Dr. Sewall from Philippians 1,21. He married Deborah Denny, by whom he had five children.

Rev. Alexander Cumming of Freehold, N.J. was not a graduate of any college. He received the degree of A.M. from Nassau Hall in 1760. He was installed Feb'y 25, 1761, having been a pastor in New York three years. He died of bilious colic August 25, 1763, in the 37th. year of his age. He was a man of a remarkably clear and discriminating mind; a close student and an instructive preacher. He had a happy faculty of disentangling and explaining difficult subjects.

Rev. Samuel Blair, son of Rev. Samuel Blair of Frogg's Manor, Pa., graduated at Nassau Hall in

1760, was ordained first in the Presbyterian connection, and installed pastor of this church Nov. 26, 1766. He was a man of fine talents and extensive acquirements, greatly distinguished as a sermonizer, particularly as a master of the touching and pathetic. His voice was feeble and tremulous, and yet his delivery was very impressive. He resigned his charge October 10, 1769, in consequence of ill health. He was not able to resume his pastoral labors, though he lived many years, and died at Germantown, Pa., September, 1818, aged 78.

After the dismission of Mr. Blair and the death of Dr. Sewall the church, having had the services of two pastors most of the time from the beginning, extended a call to two men who were inducted into office at the same time.

Rev. John Bacon, of Canterbury, Ct., graduated at Nassau Hall in 1765, was licensed and ordained in the Presbyterian connection, and installed pastor of this church Sept. 25, 1771. He was a man of talents; his style of preaching was argumentative and his manner rather severe. Some dissatisfaction

appeared in the congregation soon after his settlement, which increased and led to his resignation, Feb'y 8, 1775. Mr. Bacon removed to Stockbridge and entered into civil life, though he preached occasionally. He became a judge of the County Court, was a member of the General Court and of Congress. He died October 25, 1820, aged 82 years.

Rev. John Hunt, who was co-pastor with Mr. Bacon, was born in Northampton and graduated at Harvard in 1764. His style of preaching was descriptive and pathetic; he was peculiarly affectionate and winning in his conversation and public speaking. After the battle of Lexington in 1775 the gates of Boston were shut and all passing and repassing of citizens between town and country were prohibited by the British commander. Mr. Hunt was at that time in Brookline and was not permitted to enter the city unless he would pledge himself to remain. Not choosing to give this pledge he retired to Northampton, where he died of consumption in December of that year, aged 31 years. Mr. Hunt was ordained Sept.

25, 1771. As an orator, scholar and divine, he gave bright presages of future eminence and his brief but exemplary life was devoted to the good of his fellow men.

Rev. Joseph Eckley, a native of London, graduated at Nassau Hall in 1772 and was ordained Oct. 27, 1779. In 1782 the church was repaired and occupied the next year. The state of religion was exceedingly low and the efforts of the pastor to promote a revival of religion were opposed. Mr. Eckley at length became semi-Arian in his views of Christ. He received the degree of D.D. from Princeton and published 9 sermons. He died April 30, 1811, aged 61 years.

Rev. Joshua Huntington of New London, Ct., graduated at Yale in 1804, studied theology with Dr. Dwight, Mr. Hooker of Goshen, Ct., and Dr. Morse, and was ordained colleague with Mr. Eckley May 18, 1808. He was an evangelical minister, devoted to his work, and under his ministry the church was built up and strengthened. He labored till his strength failed. In 1819 he was obliged to journey for his health; he was accompanied by Dr. Griffin; they traveled 1700

miles; his health improved, but on his arrival at Groton, within a day's journey of home, he was seized with a fever of which he died, September 11, 1819, in the 34th. year of his age. He married Susan Mansfield of Killingworth, Ct.

Rev. Benjamin B. Wisner of Goshen, N.Y. graduated at Union in 1813 and was ordained Feb'y 21, 1821. He was tutor at Union three years and studied theology at Princeton. In 1828 he received from Union the degree of D.D. He was dismissed Nov. 12, 1832 to become secretary of the American Board, which place he filled till his death. He died Feb'y 9, 1835 of scarlet fever, after an illness of five days, in the 41st. year of his age. For a further account of this good man see Missionary Herald, Vol. 32, p.117.

Rev. Samuel H. Stearns, son of Rev. Samuel Stearns of Bedford, graduated at Harvard in 1823, studied theology at Andover and was ordained April 16, 1834. In two or three weeks after his settlement his strength so entirely failed that he was unable to perform any service. In 1836 he went to Europe and died at Paris July 15, 1837, in the 36th. year of his age. He was a fine scholar and entered the ministry with bright prospects, but alas, how soon

they were blasted. A volume of his discourses was published in 1838 with a memoir prefixed.

Boston, Mass. French Church 1687

This church was composed of Huguenots who fled from France on the revocation of the Edict of Nantes in 1685.

Rev. Pierre Daillé was the first pastor of this church of whom there is any record. As he was pastor it is said "many years" previous to 1696, it is presumed he began to preach as soon as the church was gathered. He continued in office till he died, May 21, 1715, aged 67 years. The church in which they worshipped was in School St. on the ground occupied by the Boston Recorder office. He was thrice married. His first wife, Esther Latonice, died in 1696; his second, "Sayre", in 1712, aged 60; and the third, Marthe, survived him.

Rev. Andrew Le Mercier was educated at Geneva in Switzerland. He came to this country in 1715 at the age of 23 and succeeded Mr. Daillé in the pastoral office. He married Margaret _____ and had six children. In 1722 he bought 20 acres of land in Roxbury. In 1732 he published "The

Church History of Geneva", 12 mo.,300 pages, and a Geographical and Political account of the Republic of Geneva. The next year he published a treatise against detraction. He was benevolent, hospitable and humane. He built a house on the Isle of Sabbs, where vessels were often wrecked, for the benefit of shipwrecked mariners. In 1748 there were but 8 families in his congregation and he petitioned the Governor for authority to sell the church to pay the arrears of his salary. The church became extinct. He died March 31, 1764, aged 72 years.

Boston, Mass. Brattle St. Church Nov. 17, 1699.

This church had no written covenant; in this respect it differed from all other churches. It did not call upon other churches to aid in its organization. A statement of the principles and rules by which its members intended to be governed was drawn up and printed, which the members signed. It was called a Manifesto and the church for some years was called the Manifesto church. They adopted the Westminster Catechism as their creed and, unlike other churches, they allowed the Bible to be read by the minister as a part of the public service, judged

it best that the hymn should not be lined, that all who owned pews or contributed to the support of the minister should have a right to vote in the election of a pastor, and that persons uniting with the church should not be required to give a public narration of their experience. These things were the occasion of much contention and hard feeling. The Mathers wrote against these proceedings and others replied. The church, however, was established in the midst of a most violent, and in many respects an unchristian, opposition.

Rev. Benjamin Colman of Boston graduated at Harvard in 1692 and began to preach the next year. He refused to settle and in 1695 went to Europe, where he remained four years. He became acquainted with most of the eminent dissenting ministers of England and returned to Boston in 1699 to become pastor.of this church. He was ordained in London, August 4, 1649, it being supposed a council could not be found in Boston who would perform the service. He entered upon the duties of his office in December, 1699. In 1734 he was elected president of Harvard College, but declined on the ground that the legislature refused to increase the salary of the president

of the college. Many of the lower house, being prejudiced against him, refused to do it.

In high intellectual cultivation he had few equals; he was a man of pleasing address, of graceful and winning manners, of slender form, above the medium height, erect and very dignified. He exerted great influence in the affairs of church and state, was generous and kind hearted, and ready to engage in every good work. He was a man of a catholic spirit and of liberal views. He died August 29, 1747, aged 73 years. He received the degree of D.D. from Glasgow. He was thrice married: (1) to Miss Jane Clark, by whom he had three children, one of whom, Jane, married Rev. Ebenezer Turell of Medford; (2) Mrs. Sarah Clark, who had been married thrice; (3) Mrs. Mary Frost, a sister of Sir William Pepperell. He published a great number of sermons and essays, for a list of which see Allen's Biographical Dictionary.

Rev. William Cooper of Boston graduated at Harvard in 1712 and was ordained colleague with Dr. Colman March 23, 1716. He was an able and earnest advocate for the distinguishing doctrines of grace and mighty in the Scriptures. His sermons

were composed with care; his voice was powerful and his elocution good. Very few ministers were more beloved and respected by the community at large than he. He was chosen president of Harvard College in 1737, but declined the honor.

When Colman preached, it is said, the people went away highly gratified, speaking of the excellent sermon they had heard, but when Cooper preached they went away serious and silent, much impressed with the truth they had heard. He published thirteen sermons. He died after a short illness, Nov. 13, 1743, in the 50th. year of his age. He was twice married: (1) to Miss Judith Sewall; and (2) to Mary Foye. He was the father of four children.

Rev. Samuel Cooper, son of the preceding, graduated at Harvard in 1743 and was ordained May 25, 1746. He preached once on the Sabbath while Dr. Colman lived. His learning was extensive rather than deep, his colloquial powers were good; he had a great flow of words and would have been a fine extempore speaker if he had accustomed himself to it. His religious sentiments were liberal. His attention was not confined to theology, but he gave much time to literature and science. He

was a warm politician and a firm supporter of the independence of his country. He died Dec. 29, 1783, in the 59th. year of his age. Besides his political writings he published seven or eight sermons. He received the degree of D.D. from Edinburgh. He married Judith Bulfinch of Boston and had two daughters.

Rev. Peter Thacher 1785-1802 (See Malden)

Rev. Joseph S. Buckminster, son of Rev. Joseph Buckminster of Portsmouth, N.H., graduated at Harvard in 1800 and was ordained Jan'y 30, 1805. He was a fine scholar, an elegant writer, and a good speaker. He embraced Unitarian views in theology. The church has since been ranked with Unitarian churches. Mr. Buckminster died June 9, 1812, at the early age of 28 years.

Boston, Mass. New North Church 1714

It was the second church built in the north part of the city and was needed to meet the wants of an increasing population.

Rev. John Webb of Braintree graduated at Harvard in 1708 and was ordained October 20, 1714. Before his ordination he had been chaplain at the Castle and preached for a time at Newbury. His

colleague pronounced him one of the best of Christians and of ministers. He was Calvinistic in doctrine and preached the Gospel in its purity and simplicity. He was a successful minister, humble in his appearance and deportment. He devoted one tenth of his income to charitable uses. He published fifteen sermons. He died in peace and joy April 16, 1750, in the 63rd. year of his age.

Rev. Peter Thacher 1723-1739 (See Weymouth)

Rev. Andrew Elliot of Boston graduated at Harvard in 1737 and was ordained April 14, 1742, co-pastor with Mr. Webb. He preached the distinguishing doctrines of the Gospel and was charitable towards those who differed from him. He wrote in a clear and correct style and spoke with gracefulness and fervor. He bore testimony with many others in favor of the Great Awakening. He was a man of science and was once elected president of Harvard College, but declined the honor. He published thirteen single sermons and one volume of twenty sermons. He received the degree of D.D. from Edinburgh. He died Sept. 13, 1778, aged 59 years.

Rev. John Elliot, son of the preceding, graduated at Harvard in 1772 and was ordained Nov. 3, 1779. He was a good scholar, had an amiable disposition and was much respected. He was one of the founders of the Massachusetts Historical Society. He was less orthodox than his father and was ranked previous to his death with Unitarians. He died Feb'y 14, 1813, aged 59 years. He received the degree of D.D. from Harvard.

Boston, Mass., New South Church 1719

Rev. Samuel Checkley of Boston graduated at Harvard in 1715 and was ordained April 15, 1719. He continued in office till he died, Dec. 1, 1769, in the 73rd. year of his age. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Rev. Benjamin Rolfe of Haverhill, who was killed by the Indians. He had twelve children, only one of whom, Rev. Samuel Checkley, Jr., survived him. He was a Calvinist in doctrine and his preaching was plain and evangelical. He lived the life of the righteous and died in peace, trusting only in the righteousness of Christ. He published five sermons.

Rev. Penuel Bowen of Woodstock, Ct., grad-

uated at Harvard in 1762 and was ordained colleague pastor April 30, 1766. He was dismissed May 9, 1772, became an Episcopalian, went south in 1787 and died in 1788, aged about 47 years. He was father of Bishop Bowen of South Carolina.

Rev. Joseph Howe, graduated at Yale in 1765, was ordained May 19, 1773 and died very soon, August 25, 1775, aged 28 years.

Rev. Oliver Everett of Dedham graduated at Harvard in 1779 and was ordained January 2, 1782. He was dismissed on account of ill health May 26, 1792. He removed to Dorchester and died Nov. 19, 1802, in the 50th. year of his age. He was father of Hon. Edward Everett.

Boston, Mass. New Brick Church May 22, 1719.

This church was composed of those who seceded from the New North on account of their dissatisfaction in regard to the settlement of Rev. Peter Thacher.

Rev. William Waldron of Portsmouth, N.H. graduated at Harvard in 1717 and was ordained the day the church was organized. He died Sept. 20, 1727, aged 30 years. He was a young man of uncommon promise; there was in him a happy mixture of severity and apostolic simplicity which secured to him respect as a minister and warm attachment

as a friend. He was bold and very active. His death was greatly lamented. Funeral sermons were preached in many churches. He married Miss Eliza Allen of Martha's Vineyard.

Rev. William Welsteed of Boston graduated at Harvard in 1716, was tutor several years, and ordained May 27, 1728. He preached his own ordination sermon. He was a highly respectable, though not a distinguished man. He was in favor of Whitefield, though not very active nor decided. He died April 29, 1753 of paralysis, aged 58 years, having been attacked the previous Sabbath just after commencing the morning service. He did not insist on those doctrines of religion about which Protestants differ. He was a good-natured, contented, easy man. He married Mary, a sister of Gov. Hutchinson.

Rev. Ellis Gray of Boston graduated at Harvard in 1734 and was ordained co-pastor with Mr. Welsteed Sept. 27, 1738. He died suddenly on the Sabbath, in January, 1753 of paralysis, in the 37th. year of his age. In less than four months the church was deprived of both its pastors by the same disease. Both Both died on the Sabbath and the last sermon which each preached was on the text, "Redeeming the time because

the days are evil." He was not a great man, though a respectable preacher.

Rev. Ebenezer Pemberton, son of Rev. Ebenezer Pemberton, pastor of Old South, graduated at Harvard in 1721 and was ordained pastor of a Presbyterian church in New York August 9, 1727. He was dismissed in 1753 on account of"a trifling contention kindled by ignorance and bigotry." He was installed pastor of this church March 6, 1754. He continued in office till he died, Sept. 9, 1777, aged 72 years. He was a man of a devotional spirit, zealous and faithful in the discharge of his duties. He received the degree of D.D. from Nassau Hall in 1770. He published 8 single sermons and 3 volumes of sermons.

In 1779 this church united with the Old North, whose house was burned, and the two churches became one under the ministry of Rev. J. Lathrop.

Boston, Mass. Federal Street Church March, 1730

This church was composed at first entirely of Scotch Presbyterians from the North of Ireland. They were a religious, moral and industrious people, but on their landing met with opposition and suffered the insults of the misinformed rabble, who supposed they were Papists. They purchased a lot that had a barn upon it in which they worshipped for a time.

Rev. John Moorhead, of Newtown near Belfast, Ireland, was educated at one of the universities in Scotland, married Miss Sarah Parsons, an English lady, and came to Boston about the beginning of 1730. He was chosen pastor but there is no record of his ordination. He devoted himself to the duties of his office and built up a very respectable society. He continued there till he died, Dec. 2, 1773, aged 70 years. He was a laborious and faithful pastor, a bold reprover of sin and the friend and promoter of virtue and piety. His discourses were extemporaneous; he expounded the Scriptures in course in the morning and delivered a sermon in the afternoon. He was strictly Calvinistic and a devotedly pious man.

Rev. Robert Annan, a Scotch Presbyterian, who had been preaching for several years in New Hampshire but had never been settled, was pastor of this church from 1783 to 1786. I find no trace of him after leaving Boston.

Rev. Jeremy Belknap of Boston graduated at Harvard in 1762 and was ordained at Dover, N.H. Feb'y 18, 1767. He was dismissed in 1786 to become pastor of this church, over which he was installed April 4,

1787 and continued in office till he died suddenly of paralysis, June 20, 1798, aged 54 years. He was a plain, practical preacher, did not aim at splendid diction, nor did he preach upon controversial subjects. He was a good scholar, a learned man and fond of historical studies; he published a History of New Hampshire in three volumes. He published several sermons, a number of essays on various subjects and was one of the founders of the Massachusetts Historical Society. He was a very industrious man and did not waste his time in dreamy and useless speculations. He was engaged on his work upon American Biography at the time of his death.

Rev. John S. Popkin 1799-1803 (See Newbury)

Rev. William E. Channing of Newport, R.I. graduated at Harvard in 1798 and was ordained June 1, 1803. He was settled as an orthodox minister and regarded as such till the division of the Orthodox and Unitarians. After that he was the ablest defender of liberal Christianity and regarded as its champion. He was an industrious and laborious man, the friend of humanity, a promoter of learning and of every philanthropic undertaking. He died while on a journey, at Bennington, Vt., October 2, 1842, aged 62 years.

His works have been published in six volumes.

This church was Presbyterian till 1786 and Orthodox Congregational till 1812.

Boston, Mass. Hollis Street Church Nov. 14, 1732

Rev. Mather Byles of Boston graduated at Harvard in 1725 and was ordained Dec. 20, 1733. By his mother's side he was connected with the Mathers and Cottons. He early attained considerable eminence by the publication of several pieces in prose and in poetry. He lived happily with his people till 1776, when his advocacy of Tory principles created distrust and animosity. He remained in the city while it was held by the British and after its evacuation, in 1777, he gave bonds for his appearance before the Court for a public trial. He was pronounced guilty and sentenced to confinement on board a guard-ship 40 days, and to be sent to England. The Board of War changed the sentence to confinement in his own house, where a guard was to be set over him. This was done a few weeks and the guard dismissed. A second time the guard was set over him and again dismissed, so that he humorously said he had been guarded, regarded and disregarded.

He was remarkable for his wit in conversation and for the smartness of his repartees. In the pulpit he was solemn and interesting. He was sound in the essential doctrines of the Gospel. He was twice married; first to a niece of Gov. Belcher, and second to a daughter of Lieut. Gov. Tailor. He published twelve sermons and a volume of poems. He died of paralysis July 5, 1783, aged 82 years.

Rev. Ebenezer Wight of Dedham graduated at Harvard in 1776 and was ordained February 25, 1778. He had a melodious voice and was a very popular preacher. He visited his people during the day and prepared his sermons in the night, protracting his studies often till after midnight. His eyes became weak; he was unable to read, and finally was quite blind. He was dismissed Sept. 8, 1788, removed to Dedham and worked on a farm till he so far recovered his sight that he was able to read. He died Sept. 25, 1821, aged 71 years. He married (1) Sarah Brown of Waltham, who lived but two or three years; and (2) Catherine Fuller of Dedham.

Rev. Samuel West 1789-1808 (See Needham)

Boston, Mass. West Church Jan'y 3, 1736.

Rev. William Hooper of Scotland was ordained May 18, 1737. He was elected the day the church was organized. It is supposed the church was built for him. He was a man of more than ordinary powers of mind, of a noble aspect, and an eloquent, popular preacher. He left Nov. 19, 1746 without being dismissed, went to England, received Episcopal ordination and, returning, was pastor of Trinity Church, till he died April 14, 1767. He died suddenly without any premonition. His wife was a daughter of Mr. John Dennie.

Rev. Jonathan Mayhew, son of Rev. Experience Mayhew of Martha's Vineyard, graduated at Harvard in 1744. He continued in office till he died suddenly, July 9, 1766, in the 46th. year of his age. He was a champion for liberty and opposed to all ecclesiastical usurpation. He was a man of great fortitude and of an ardent temperament, but had not always perfect self control. He was an instructive preacher, but was not considered by his contemporaries entirely evangelical. He was an Arminian in doctrine, not a fluent speaker, but amiable in all the relations of life. He published nearly 40 sermons. He re-

ceived the degree of D.D. from Aberdeen.

Rev. Simeon Howard of Bridgewater graduated at Harvard in 1758 and was ordained May 6, 1767. He was a man of sense, prudence and piety; mild, gentle and humble. He was rather taciturn and not an eloquent preacher. He was not a Calvinist. He published four or five sermons. He received the degree of D.D. from Edinburgh. His first wife was the widow of his predecessor, the daughter of John Clark; his second wife was the daughter of Dr. Gay of Hingham. He left one son. Dr. Howard died August 13, 1804, in the 72nd. year of his age.

Boston, Mass. Park St. Church Feb'y 27, 1809

It consisted of twenty-six members. At the time of its formation evangelical religion was at its lowest ebb in Boston. Nothing could then subject a man to greater odium than an avowal of his belief in the doctrines of Calvinism.

Rev. Edward D. Griffin of East Haddam, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1790, became pious after leaving college, studied theology with the younger President Edwards, and was ordained pastor of the Congregational church in New Hartford, Ct. June 4, 1795. He resigned his charge in August, 1801 on

account of the ill health of his wife and accepted a call to the First Presbyterian church in Newark, N.J. He continued there till May, 1809, when he resigned and accepted an appointment to the Bartlett professorship of Pulpit Eloquence in Andover Theological Seminary. He resigned his place at Andover and was installed pastor of this church July 31, 1811. In 1815, the Society having become somewhat embarrassed in consequence of the war and being somewhat divided among themselves, he accepted a call from the Second Presbyterian Church in Newark and resigned his charge here April 27, 1815. In 1821 he was invited to the presidency of Williams College and, leaving Newark in October of that year, was soon after inaugurated President of the college. In 1836 his health failed, when he resigned the presidency and removed to Newark, where he died Nov. 8, 1837, in the 68th. year of his age.

He married Frances, daughter of Rev. Joseph Huntington, D.D. of Coventry, Ct., by whom he had two daughters, one of whom married Rev. R. Crawford, D.D. He received the degree of D.D. first from Union College. He was in many respects a remarkable man, a sound divine, an eloquent preacher, and successful

in winning souls to Christ. His praise is in the churches. He made a mark upon the age in which he lived and was one of those men who, being dead, yet speak. See the Memoirs that have been written and extensively read.

Rev. Sereno E. Dwight, son of President Dwight, graduated at Yale College in 1803, was a tutor in the college from 1806 to 10, and practiced law nearly seven years. He studied theology and was ordained Sept. 3, 1817. He was dismissed in April, 1826 on account of ill health, having spent most of the previous year in Europe. He, in company with his brother Henry, opened a school in New Haven in 1828. From 1833 to 1836 he was president of Hamilton College. Most of the remainder of his life was spent in great bodily and mental suffering. He died in Philadelphia Nov. 30, 1850, aged 65 years. He married Susan E. Daggett of New Haven. He published the life of President Edwards, a life of Brainerd,"The Hebrew Wife", and one sermon.

Boston, Mass. Essex St. Church, August 26, 1822.

A church was organized in 1819 of which Rev. James Sabine was pastor, but difficulties arose that were insuperable and this church was organized and called for many years the Union Church.

Rev. Samuel Green of Stoneham graduated at Harvard in 1816 and was ordained at Reading Sept. 20, 1820; he accepted a call from this church and was installed March 26, 1823. He was dismissed in consequence of ill health March 26, 1834 and died November 20 of the same year, aged 42 years. He was a good man, a devoted Christian, a faithful and successful minister; simple minded, affectionate and unprejudiced. He was not one whom the world calls attractive and eloquent, but one whom they regarded as sincerely desirous of doing good to all men as he had opportunity. An interesting Memoir of him was published in 1836.

Boston, Mass. Phillips Church(South Boston), Dec. 10, 1823.

Rev. Prince Hawes of Warren, Ct. graduated at Williams in 1805 and was ordained at Glastonbury, Ct. June 24, 1807. He was dismissed in 1820. In 1823 he gathered this church and was installed its pastor April 28, 1824. He was dismissed April 18, 1827 and was installed pastor of the church in Woodbridge, Ct. in 1828. He continued there about ten years. He died in Brooklyn, N.Y. Dec. 14, 1848, aged 66 years. He married Hannah Hale, of Glastonbury, Ct.

Rev. Joy H. Fairchild was born in Guilford, Ct. April 24, 1789, graduated at Yale in 1813, was preceptor of Monson Academy and studied theology while teaching with Rev. A. Ely, D.D. He was ordained at East Hartford June 24, 1816, was dismissed August 28, 1827, and installed pastor of this church Nov. 22, 1827. He resigned May 15, 1842, was installed at Exeter, N.H. Sept. 20, 1843 and dismissed in 1844. A part of the Phillips St. Church withdrew and were organized as the Payson Church of South Boston, over which Mr. Fairchild was installed pastor Nov. 20, 1845. Mr. Fairchild was accused of unchristian conduct while pastor of this church and was tried by civil and ecclesiastical courts and, though nothing was proved against him, he was not able to outride the storm. He died in Boston of paralysis Feb'y 21, 1859, aged 70 years.

He published the Remarkable Incidents of his life in a volume of 462 pages, which is a full history of this affair. The Payson Church became extinct when he died. *

Boston, Mass. Bowdoin St. Church, July 18,1825.

Rev. Lyman Beecher 1826-1832 (See Litchfield)

* He married (1) Cynthia Waterhouse of Saybrook and had three children; and (2) Mary Bradford of Philadelphia and had five children.

Rev. Hubbard Winslow of Williston, Vt. graduated at Yale in 1825, studied theology two years at New Haven, Ct. and one at Andover. He was ordained pastor of the church in Dover, N.H. Dec. 4, 1828 and dismissed Dec. 4, 1831 on account of ill health. He was installed pastor of this church in September, 1832 and was dismissed in 1845. He was teacher of a school for young ladies about ten years. He was then pastor of a Presbyterian church in Geneva, N.Y. two years and, having resigned, removed to the city of New York and was variously employed as long as his health would permit. He died at Williston, his native place, Aug. 13, 1864, aged 64 years. He received the degree of D.D. from Hamilton College in 1858. He married a stepdaughter of Hon. Pliny Cutler. He was a ready writer, an interesting preacher and a successful minister. He published works on the Mode of Baptism, on the Trinity, on Intellectual Philosophy, and some other books and pamphlets.

Boston, Mass. Salem St. Church Sept. 2,1827.

Rev. Justin Edwards, 1828-29 (See Andover)

Boston, Mass. Pine St. Church, Sept. 2, 1827

This and the Salem St. Church were organized by the same council on the same day.

Rev. Thomas Skinner 1828(April)-1828(Aug.)

Rev. John Brown of Brooklyn, Ct. graduated at Dartmouth in 1809, studied theology at Andover, was two years tutor in college and 17 years pastor of a Presbyterian church in Cazenovia, N.Y. He was installed pastor of this church March 14, 1829 and dismissed Feb'y 16, 1831. He was installed at Hadley March 2, 1831 and died of typhus fever March 22, 1839, aged 51 years. His wife and six children died of the same disease between 1837 and 1842. At the foot of the monument of the one last buried is this line, "We are all here, it is well." He was an able and useful minister and much respected. He received the degree of D.D. from Union College in 1827.

Rev. Amos A. Phelps 1832-34 (See Hopkinton)

Rev. Artemas Boies 1834-40 (See So. Hadley)

Boston, Mass. Green St. Church, 1823.

Dr. Jenks was installed pastor of this church in 1826. In 1844 it was merged in the Garden St. church.

Boston, Mass. Central Church (Winter St.) May 11, 1835

At its organization it was called Franklin St. Church and worshipped in the Odeon. The present church edifice was dedicated Dec. 31, 1841, at which time the church assumed its present name.

Rev. William M. Rogers 1835-18-- (See Townsend)

Boston, Mass. Maverick Ch.(East Boston) May 31, 1836

Rev. William Newell 1837-41

Rev. Amos A. Phelps 1842-45(See Hopkinton)

Boston, Mass. Garden St. Ch. 1840

Rev. William R. Chapman graduated at Dartmouth in 1837 and was ordained Sept. 8, 1841. In 1844 Green and Garden St. churches united and took the name of the Messiah Church, having two pastors. In 1846 the church was disbanded and both pastors dismissed. After this Mr. Chapman was pastor of a Presbyterian church in New York City. In 1852 and 3 he was at Aurora, N.Y. In 1854 he returned to Massachusetts and preached as stated supply to a newly organized church at Hanover Four Corners, where he died Oct. 25, 1855, aged 47 years.

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Rev. Preston Pond, 1853-3 (See Milford)

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Boston, Mass. Mariner's Church, Jan'y 20, 1828. 25

Rev. Daniel M. Lord of Lyme, Ct. graduated at Amherst in 1830, studied theology and was ordained pastor of this church Nov. 11, 1834. He resigned and was dismissed July 20, 1848. He was soon after settled over the Presbyterian church in Shelter Island and continued in office till he was killed by being thrown from a wagon August 26, 1861. He married (1) Julia M., a daughter of Mrs. P. Brown of Monson, who wrote the hymn "I love to steal etc."; (2) Eliza A. Hardy. He left nine children. He was an efficient minister and filled up his days with usefulness. He published a history of Pitcairn's Island.

Boxborough, Mass. April 29, 1784.

Rev. Joseph Willard of Grafton graduated at Harvard in 1765 and was ordained pastor of the church in Mendon, Mass. April 19, 1769. In consequence of

the coldness and inattention of the people he asked a dismission, which was granted December 4, 1782. He was installed over this church Nov. 2, 1785. He lived and labored in peace and in harmony with this people till he died in September, 1828, aged 86 years.

Rev. James R. Cushing, 1829-1833

Rev. Joseph W. Cross, 1834-1839

Rev. James D. Farnsworth of Groton graduated at Harvard in 1818, studied theology at Cambridge, and was ordained at Orford, N.H. Jan'y 1, 1823. He was dismissed April 9, 1832 and was for two years agent of the American Education Society. He was pastor of the church in Paxton, Mass. from 1835-1840, and of this church from 1842-1849. He was chaplain of the Massachusetts Senate in 1852-3 and was pastor of the 2nd. Church in North Bridgewater from September, 1853 till he died, Nov. 5, 1854, aged 62 years. He died Sabbath morning while looking over the sermon he expected to preach. He was a good man and much respected by those that knew him.

Boxford, Mass. 1702.

Rev. Thomas Symmes, son of Rev. Zachariah Symmes of Bradford, graduated at Harvard in 1698, and was ordained pastor of this church Dec. 30, 1702.

Soon after his father's death he accepted a call to Bradford, was dismissed and installed there in Dec. 1708, where he continued till he died, October 6, 1725, in the 48th. year of his age. He was a man of strong mind and of considerable learning. He sometimes read from the Hebrew at family prayers. In early life he was not very well established in doctrine, but afterwards embraced fully the Calvinistic system. He was an animated, popular and successful preacher. He received large accessions to his church. He was remarkable for his sanctity and constancy in secret devotion, and often observed days of fasting and prayer. An account of his life was published by Rev. John Brown of Haverhill. He published while living several sermons. He was no economist and died poor. He was thrice married: (1) to Elizabeth Blowers of Cambridge and had 7 children; (2) to Hannah, daughter of Rev. John Pike of Dover and had 2 children; and (3) to Mrs. Eleanor (Thompson) Moody of Dedham and had 6 children.

Rev. John Rogers of Salem graduated at Harvard in 1705 and was ordained in 1709. He was dismissed in 1743 and went to reside with his son, who was pastor of the church in Leominster, where he died

in 1755, aged about 72 years.

Rev. Elizur Holyoke of Boston graduated at Harvard in 1750 and was ordained Jan'y 30, 1759. He became a paralytic in 1793 and was unable to preach afterward, though he sustained a pastoral relation to the church till he died, March 31, 1806, aged 75 years.

Rev. Isaac Briggs of Halifax graduated at Brown in 1795 and was pastor of the church in York, Me. from 1798 to 1805. He was pastor of this church from Sept. 1808 to Dec. 3, 1833 and Of Rochester, North from 1836 to 1858. He resided the last four years of his life in East Morrisania, Westchester Co., New York, where he died Feb'y 22, 1862, aged 87 years. He was the son of Rev. Ephraim Briggs and had four brothers who were ministers. He was a good and a happy man, and an able and faithful minister.

Boxford, Second or West Church, Dec. 9, 1736

Rev. John Cushing, son of Rev. Caleb Cushing of Salisbury, graduated at Harvard in 1729 and was ordained Dec. 29, 1736. He continued in office till he died, Jan'y 25, 1772, in the 63rd. year of his age.

Rev. Moses Hale of Newbury graduated at Harvard in 1771 and was ordained Nov. 16, 1774. He continued in office till he died, May 26, 1786, aged 38 years.

Rev. Peter Eaton of Haverhill graduated at Harvard in 1787 and was ordained Oct. 7, 1789. He studied theology with Rev. Phineas Adams of Haverhill. He published four or five sermons and received the degree of D.D. from Harvard in 1820. He continued in office till he died, April 14, 1848, aged 82 years.

Boylston, Mass. Oct. 6, 1743.

This was a parish of Shrewsbury till 1786.

Rev. Ebenezer Morse of Medfield graduated at Harvard in 1737 and was ordained Oct. 26, 1743. He studied and practiced medicine and was the physician of the body as well as of the soul. He was dismissed Nov. 10, 1775, because he would persist in praying for the Royal family and for the House of Lords and Commons. After his dismissal he continued to reside in the place, was a physician of considerable eminence and cared for the souls of his patients. He died Jan'y 3, 1802, aged 84 years.

Rev. Eleazer Fairbanks of Brimfield graduated at Brown in 1775 and was ordained March 27, 1777. He was dismissed April 23, 1793 and settled at Wilmington, Vt. Sept. 11 of the same year. He was dismissed Jan'y 3, 1800. He preached after this about three years at Palmyra, N.Y. and subsequently became a Baptist. He died at Palmyra, N.Y. in 1821, aged about 70 years. He married a Miss Bigelow of Shrewsbury.

Rev. Hezekiah Hooper of Newburyport graduated at Harvard in 1789 and was ordained March 12, 1794. His ministry was short; he died Dec. 2, 1795, aged 26 years. He was much esteemed by the people of his charge and by all who knew him.

Rev. Ward Cotton, son of Rev. John Cotton of Halifax, graduated at Harvard in 1793 and was ordained June 7, 1797. He was dismissed June 22, 1825, but continued to reside there till he died, Nov. 15, 1843, aged 74 years. He married Rebecca Jackson of Plymouth. He was brother of Rev. Josiah Cotton of Wareham. Mr. Cotton after his dismission preached to the Unitarian portion of the society.

Rev. Samuel Russell of Bow, N.H. graduated at Dartmouth in 1821, studied theology at Andover, and

was ordained June 21, 1826. He was dismissed in April, 1832 and installed at Huntington the September following, where he died Jan'y 27, 1835, aged 35 years. He married a daughter of the Rev. Nathaniel Howe of Hopkinton. He died of consumption, having been unable to preach more than a year previous to his death. His end was peace.

Bozrah, Ct. Jan'y 3, 1739.

This was originally a parish mostly in Norwich and was called New Concord. It became a town in 1786.

Rev. Benjamin Throop graduated at Yale in 1734 and was ordained the day the church was organized. He continued in office till he died, Sept. 16, 1785, aged 73 years. He married Sybil Dyar, by whom he had eight children, one of whom, Octavia, was the wife of Rev. Enoch Hale of West Hampton, Mass.

Rev. Jonathan Murdock of Saybrook graduated at Yale in 1766 and was pastor of the church in Greenwich many years. He was installed over this church Oct. 12, 1786 and continued in office till he died, Jan'y 17, 1813, aged 67 years.

Rev. David Austin of New Haven graduated at Yale in 1779. He was well educated and had the

benefits of a tour in Europe. In 1788 he was settled in Elizabethtown, N.J. He was a man of ardent piety, kind hearted, but eccentric, erratic and extravagant. He became deranged and was dismissed. He believed in the personal reign of Christ and taught that his millennial reign on earth would commence on the fourth Sabbath in May, 1796. The failure of his prediction did not cure his aberration of mind. He went about the country calling upon the Jews to return to Jerusalem and expended his property in building several large houses on the wharf in New Haven for the reception of the Jews. He was imprisoned for debt and his wife, who was Lydia Lathrop of Norwich, returned to her father's house. The balance of his mind was finally restored and he was installed pastor of this church in 1815, but resided in Norwich, where he died in 1831, aged 71 years. He had no children.

Bozrahville April 10, 1828.

Fitchville Dec. 1, 1854.

Bradford, Mass. Dec. 27, 1682

The first minister was

Rev. Zechariah Symmes, son of Rev. Zechariah Symmes of Charlestown. He graduated at Harvard in 1657. He preached two or three years in Rehoboth, but his health being poor he went to Bradford, a new settlement on the Merrimac, and preached there fourteen years prior to the organization of the church. He was finally ordained the day the church was organized. He continued here highly esteemed by the people till his death, which occurred March 22, 1708, in the 71st. year of his age. He was a man of respectable talents, though not a distinguished preacher. He seems not to have preached on any public occasion, nor were any of his sermons published. He was twice married: (1) to Susanna Graves and had five children; (2) to Mehitable Dalton and had two children.

Rev. Thomas Symmes 1708-1725 (See Boxford)

Rev. Joseph Parsons, son of Rev. Joseph Parsons of Salisbury, Mass., graduated at Harvard in 1720 and was ordained June 8, 1726. He continued here till he died, May 4, 1765, aged 63 years. He married Miss Frances Usher, daughter of Lieut. Gov. Usher of New Hampshire, by whom he had ten children, one of whom, Joseph, was minister of West Brookfield.

He published three sermons.

Rev. Samuel Williams, son of Rev. Warham Williams of Waltham, graduated at Harvard in 1761 and was ordained Nov. 20, 1765. In his senior year he was selected by Professor Winthrop to go with him to Newfoundland to observe a transit of Venus. He was dismissed Jan'y 14, 1780 to accept the appointment of the Hollis Professorship of Mathematics and Natural Philosophy at Harvard. While professor he received from Yale the degree of L.L.D.; in 1786 he went to Penobscot Bay to observe a total eclipse of the sun. He was a member of several learned societies. After resigning his professorship he removed to Rutland, Vt., where he preached six years; he gave two courses of lectures at the Vermont University. He published nine sermons and a History of Vermont. While minister of Bradford Benjamin Thompson, afterwards Count Rumford, was a member of his family and studied philosophy under his direction. He married Jane Kilbourne, by whom he had five children, of whom Charles K. Williams, late Governor of Vermont, was the youngest. Dr. Williams died at Rutland, Vt., Jan'y 2, 1817. aged 74 years.

Rev. Jonathan Allen of Braintree graduated at Harvard in 1774 and was ordained June 5, 1781. He continued here till he died March 6, 1827, aged 78 years. He studied theology with Rev. Mr. Judson of Taunton.

Rev. Ira Ingraham 1824-1830 (See Brandon)

Bradford, Me. March 1, 1838.

Bradford, N.H. November 24, 1803.

Rev. Lemuel Bliss graduated at Dartmouth in 1801, studied theology with Dr. Wood of Boscawen, and was ordained March 6, 1805. He continued in office till he died, July 4, 1814, aged 38 years.

Rev. Robert Page 1822-1828

Rev. Orlando G. Thacher of Grafton, Vt. graduated at Dartmouth in 1823. He studied theology with Rev. Bennet Tyler, D.D., and was ordained as an evangelist Feb'y 1, 1825. He was employed in Coos County by the New Hampshire Missionary Society. After laboring successfully in the missionary field, he was installed at Bradford Dec. 2, 1829, where he died Aug. 19, 1837, aged 42 years.

Rev. Stephen Rogers, not a graduate of any college, was licensed to preach by the Sullivan Association in 1835 and was ordained as an evangelist at

Goshen June 15, 1836. He preached in several churches, but was installed pastor of this church Dec. 20, 1838 and was dismissed July 22, 1846. He was at Westmoreland from 1846 to 1856; at Northfield, a parish of Litchfield, till 1859; and at Wolcott till he died in Woodbury, Ct., May 29, 1863, aged 62 years.

Bradford, Vt. June 24, 1810.

A church was organized here in 1795 which adopted the Half-Way Covenant. It had one minister, Rev. Gardner Kellogg, 1795-1809 (See Windham)

The present church, founded on a better covenant, has been very prosperous.

Braintree, Mass. Sept. 10, 1707

Rev. Hugh Adams graduated at Harvard in 1697 and was ordained at Braintree the day the church was organized. He was dismissed August 22, 1710. He is said to have preached for a time at Chatham, but was installed at Durham, N.H. March 26, 1718 and was one of the most eccentric clergymen ever settled in that state. A curious petition is preserved in the office of the Secretary of State which he presented to the

Provincial Assembly in 1738, in which he represented the town of Durham, "as an Achan in the camp and as Jonah in the ship of the commonwealth of the province", and prays not only that justice may be done to himself, but that neglect to pay a minister may be made penal and presentable by the Grand Jury, as in Massachusetts, which he considered the reason why the people in that state had not been so severely afflicted with the throat disorder. Much of this sort respecting him may be found in Belknap's History of New Hampshire. He was dismissed Jan'y 23, 1739 from his charge in the west part of the town, but continued to preach in the eastern part till he died at Durham in 1750, aged 74 years.

Rev. Samuel Niles, a native of Block Island, graduated at Harvard in 1699, was ordained May 22, 1711 and continued here till he died, May 1, 1762, aged 88 years. He took the degree of A.M. at Harvard in 1759, 60 years after his graduation. In 1745 he published a sorrowful account of the state of the church in New England, in 1752 a vindication of several important doctrines, and in 1757 an answer to Taylor on Original Sin. He was classed among the eminent men of the day. He was a good Latin

scholar.

Rev. Ezra Weld, a native of Pomfret, Ct., graduated at Yale in 1759 and was ordained Nov. 17, 1762. He was an excellent minister and devoted to his work. Few men more deeply lamented the prevalence of impiety and vice or felt more tenderly for those who were destitute of the word of life. He passed through many scenes of trial; he buried three wives and nine years before his decease his organs of speech and power of recollection were so impaired as to incapacitate him for the performance of his public duties. Just before he died the enfeebled powers of his mind seemed to acquire their former tone, so that he offered a fervent, methodical and copious prayer. He died Jan'y 16, 1816, in the 80th. year of his age. His first wife was a daughter of Rev. Habijah Weld of Attleborough.

Rev. Sylvester Sage 1807-1809(See Westminster)

Braintree, Mass. South Church, Nov. 18, 1829.

Braintree, Vt. Dec. 25, 1794.

Rev. Aaron Cleaveland, supposed to have been the son of Rev. A. Cleaveland of Haddam, Ct.,

did not receive a collegiate education. His father died just as he was fitted for college. He learned the trade of a hatter and lived in Norwich, Ct. many years. He became pious and studied for the ministry. He was pastor of this church from March,1801 to Sept. 1807. He labored as a missionary in Vermont before and after his settlement. He removed to New Haven, Ct., where he died Sept. 21, 1815, aged 71 years. He married (1) Abiah Hyde of Norwich, by whom he had ten children; and (2) Mrs. Elizabeth Clement Breed, by whom he had five. One of his daughters is the wife of Rev. Dr. S. H. Cox. He was a man of talent and much respected.

Brandon, Vt. Sept. 23, 1785.

Rev. Enos Bliss of Longmeadow, Mass. graduated at Yale in 1787 and was ordained pastor of this church in October, 1792. He was dismissed in August, 1794 and in 1799 was installed pastor of the church in Orange. He was again dismissed and removed to western New York, and died at Lorain in April, 1852, aged 86 years. He was a man of eminent piety though not much of a preacher.

Rev. Ebenezer Hebard of Poultney was not a

graduate of any college. He was ordained pastor of this church Jan'y 3, 1800 and dismissed Sept. 7, 1821. He was pastor of the church in West Haven from 1822 to 1829 and died in Sept. 1835, aged 66 years. He was a useful minister.

Rev. Beriah Green 1823-1829

Rev. Ira Ingraham of Cornwall(b.Dec. 20, 1791) graduated at Middlebury in 1815, was principal of an academy in Georgia till 1818, studied theology with the Harmony Presbytery in Georgia and with Rev. Joshua Bates, D.D., was pastor of the church in Orwell 1820-23, of the church in Bradford, Mass. 1824-30, and of this church 1830-35. From 1835 to 1839 he was secretary of Vermont Domestic Missionary Society. He was pastor of the church in Lyons, N.Y. 1839-48 and for a few years agent of the Western College Society. He died at Geneva, N.Y. April 18, 1864, in the 74th. year of his age. "He was thoughtful and studious, a good man and true; few have a better record." He published five sermons. He married Miss Deborah W. Stebbins of Springfield, Mass., who was his preceptress in the academy in Georgia.

Rev. William H. Marsh, 1842-3 (See Woodstock)

Branford, Ct. 1644

Rev. Abraham Pierson was educated in England, graduated at Cambridge in 1632 and came to Boston in 1639. In 1640 a colony from Lynn, Mass. organized themselves into a church, chose him for their pastor, and removed to Southampton, L.I. He and a part of the church wished to adopt the New Haven articles of agreement, which restricted civil offices and the right of suffrage to church members. Being opposed, they removed to this place in 1644. He remained here till the New Haven Colony united with the Connecticut, which union he warmly opposed on the ground that the Connecticut Colony was in favor of the Half-way Covenant. He and his people being reprimanded for their perverseness, they purchased Newark, N.J. and removed there in Sept. 1667, taking with them most of the church. The church at this place became extinct and the town was almost deserted for nearly twenty years. While at this place he learned the Indian language and wrote a catechism in the same, which was printed. For his labors among the Indians he received from the society in England fifteen

pounds a year. He continued at Newark till he died, August 9, 1678, aged 70. He was a man of piety and of great worth.

The church was reorganized in March, 1688.

Rev. Samuel Russell, son of Rev. John Russell of Wethersfield and Hadley, Mass., graduated at Harvard in 1681 and was ordained at the time the church was reorganized. He continued in office till he died, June 25, 1731, aged 71 years. He married a daughter of General John Whiting and one of his sons was the minister of Guilford. He published an election sermon.

Rev. Philemon Robbins graduated at Harvard in 1729 and was ordained in 1732. Dr. Trumbull says,- "He was a most inoffensive gentleman; mild, peaceable an and a peacemaker; was uncommonly gifted in prayer; a sound and searching preacher and greatly beloved by his people; he was popular in the neighboring towns and societies." He favored the great revival and was an admirer of Whitefield and Tennent. He was sorely persecuted for it by the Consociation, but his church and society sustained him and in 1745 renounced the Saybrook Platform, came out as an independent Congregational church and adopted the

Cambridge Platform. A list of charges was preferred against him which were exceedingly extravagant; he was cited to appear before the Consociation. It availed nothing; he outlived the storm and in 1755 he was invited to sit with the Consociation at the ordination of Mr. Street at East Haven and nothing was said against him. He married Hannah Foote of Branford, by whom he had nine children, two of whom, Chandler of Plymouth, Mass. and Ammi R. of Norfolk, were ministers. Two of his daughters married ministers; Sarah was the wife of Rev. Peter Starr of Warren, and Hannah of Rev. John Keep of Sheffield, Mass. Mr. Robbins died suddenly while sitting in his chair, August 13, 1781, aged 72 years.

Rev. Jason Atwater of New Haven graduated at Yale in 1781 and was ordained March 10, 1784. He was brother of Rev. Noah Atwater of Westfield, Mass. He continued in office till he died of consumption, June 10, 1794.

Rev. Lynde Huntington of Norwich graduated at Yale in 1788 and was pastor of this church from July 20, 1795 till he died of consumption, Sept. 20, 1804, aged(37)*. He was a man of superior talent,

* Age as given in Dexter's "Yale Biographies."

sound in doctrine and a pungent preacher. He married a daughter of Rev. Wareham Williams of North Branford.

Brattleborough, Vt. (West Church) 1770.

No early records of this church exist.

Rev. Abner Reeve of Long Island, N.Y. graduated at Yale in 1731 and was pastor for a time at Brookhaven, L.I. He left there when 70 years old, removed to this place and preached to the people till 1794, and died in 1798, aged 90 years. He was not installed pastor of the church. He was the father of Tapping Reeve, Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of Connecticut.

Rev. William Wells of Biggleswade, England, was educated at Daventry, came here in 1794 and preached to this church till 1814, when he removed to the east village and formed a church there to which he preached about four years. He died Dec. 9, 1827, aged 83 years. He was an Arian and received the degree of D.D. from Harvard in 1818. He does not appear to have been installed pastor.

Rev. Caleb Burge of Tolland, Ct. graduated at Middlebury in 1806, studied theology with Rev.

A. Wines of Newport, R.I., and was pastor of the church in Guildhall from 1808 to 1814. He was pastor of this church from 1814 to 1819, and their first installed minister. He was at Glastonbury, Ct. from 1821 to 1826. While here he published a valuable treatise on the atonement. He preached a while at Belleville, N.Y. and then studied and practiced medicine. He was thrown from a wagon August 28, 1838 and so injured that he died on the 31st. of August, aged 56 years.

During the ministry of Mr. Burge this church was reorganized; he was thoroughly Calvinistic and called the attention of the people to the leading doctrines of the Bible.

Rev. Jedediah L. Stark of New London, Ct. graduated at Brown University in 1818, studied theology with Dr. Park, a professor in the university, and with Rev. Dr. Nott of Franklin, Ct. He was ordained pastor of this church Jan'y 3, 1821 and dismissed April 24, 1839. He was then pastor of a church in Canajoharie, N.Y. 8 years. After this he labored several years at Fort Herkimer and in its vicinity till failing health obliged him to

retire. He died at Mohawk Village October 18, 1862, aged 70 years. He was a good scholar and a useful minister.

Brattleborough, Vt. East Village 1816.

Rev. William Wells 1814-18 (See West Church)

Bremen, Maine, March, 1839

Brentwood, N.H. Dec. 12, 1748

Rev. Nathaniel Trask of Lexington, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1742 and was ordained Dec. 12, 1748. (This was united with a church organized in another village). He continued here till he died, Dec. 12, 1789, aged 67 years. He married Miss Pernal Thing, by whom he had seven children. After his decease the church was without a pastor eleven years and in that time more than 100 persons preached as candidates.

Rev. Ebenezer Flint of Methuen, Mass. graduated at Dartmouth in 1798 and was ordained May 27, 1801. The church at that time consisted of only 19 members. He studied theology with Dr. Emmons. He married Miss Mary Kendall of Tewksbury, Mass. by whom he had four children. He died suddenly

October 12, 1811, aged 42 years. He was a man much respected and beloved, and was thoroughly Calvinistic in doctrine.

Rev. Chester Colton of Hartford, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1804, and was ordained pastor of this church Jan'y 25, 1815. His salary was $400. and 15 cords of wood. He was dismissed in 1825 at his own request, on account of inflammation in his eyes. He was installed Feb'y 12, 1829 pastor of the First Church in Lyme, Ct. and dismissed in 1840. He preached as stated supply at North Goshen for a time. In 1846 he removed to Dayton, Ohio and labored among the destitute churches in that vicinity till he died, Sept. 1, 1850, aged about 70 years.

Rev. Luke A. Spofford, 1826-29 (See Atkinson)

Rev. Jonathan Ward, 1830-33 (See Alna, Me.)

Rev. Francis Welch, 1833-37

Rev. John Gunnison, 1839-41

Rev. James Boutwell, born at Lyndeborough, N.H. May 14, 1814, graduated at Dartmouth in 1836, and at Andover in 1840. He was ordained pastor of this church Nov. 4, 1841 and dismissed at his own request

in 1851. He was installed pastor of the church at Sanbornton Square June 24, 1852 and continued in office till he died, April 21, 1865, in the 51st. year of his age. His sermons were clear and forcible. He was a good man and a successful minister. He left a wife and nine children.

Brewer, Me. (West) 1800

This was the first church organized in Penobscot County and was made up of members from several towns. It is said a Mr. Boyd was ordained the day the church was gathered and continued one year, but the church has no record of the fact and I find no record of the man.

Rev. Thomas Williams of Weymouth, Mass. graduated at Brown in 1809 and was ordained Jan'y 13, 1813. He was dismissed August 7, 1822. He was installed at Foxcroft Jan'y 1, 1823 and dismissed in 1835. He was installed at Polamd Oct. 14, 1835 and continued in office till he died, November, 1847, aged about 60 years. He carried the appearance, exerted the influence, and left the impression on many minds, that he was a man of God.

Rev. Wales Lewis 1831-38

Rev. Nathan Dole of Bloomfield graduated at Bowdoin in 1836 and at Bangor Theological Seminary in 1841. He was ordained pastor of this church in Jan'y 1842 and labored with diligence and success till the autumn of 1850, when he left and removed to Boston to take charge of the Journal of Missions and the Dayspring. In 1854 he was attacked with hemorrhage from the lungs and died in Brewer June 16, 1855, aged 44 years.

Brewer, Me. (East Church) Nov. 11, 1828

It had three pastors and became extinct about 1849.

Rev. Charles R. Fisk 1831-33

Rev. Alphonso L. Whitman 1834-38

Rev. Joseph R. Munsell 1840-48

Brewer, Me. (Village Church) Jan'y 18, 1843

Rev. Thomas Smith graduated at Bowdoin in 1840 and at Bangor in 1843. He was ordained Jan'y 26, 1846 and continued in office till he died of a heart disease, April 20, 1861, aged 49 years. He was born in Litchfield. He was an excellent pastor, efficient and faithful.

Brewster, Mass. Oct. 16, 1700.

Rev. Nathaniel Stone of Watertown graduated at Harvard in 1690 and was ordained the day the church was organized. His wife was Reliance Hinckley, who was baptized on the day of the swamp fight at Narragansett. The minister of Barnstable gave her that name in token of his firm reliance on Providence in a day of trouble. The Indians were conquered.

Mr. Stone published in 1731 a small volume entitled "The Wretched State of Man by the Fall", and a sermon preached before the Supreme Court at Barnstable. He was considered Calvinistic, but firmly opposed to itinerant preachers. A member of his church was dealt with and rebuked for undertaking to preach, for which he was in no way qualified. He died in 1755, aged 88.

Rev. Isaiah Dunster of West Cambridge graduated at Harvard in 1741 and was ordained as a colleague with Mr. Stone Nov. 2, 1748. He continued here till his death, which occurred Jan'y 18, 1791, aged 72 years.

Rev. John Simpkins of Boston graduated at Harvard in 1786 and was ordained October 19, 1791.

He was dismissed in 1831. He then retired from the ministry and resided in Boston, where he died Feb'y 28, 1843, aged 75 years. He is said to have been "a good scholar and a sound divine."

Bridgeport, Ct. 1695

This was a parish of Stratford till 1821. It has been called Stratfield and Newfield.

Rev. Charles Chauncey, son of Rev. Israel Chauncey of Stratford, graduated at Harvard in 1686 and was ordained about the time the church was organized. He continued in office till he died, Dec. 31, 1714, aged 46 years. He married (1) Sarah, a daughter of John Burr; and (2) Sarah, daughter of Henry Wolcott, and was grandfather of Isaac Chauncey, the celebrated naval officer.

Rev. Samuel Cook, who graduated at Yale in 1705, was probably the son of Thomas Cook of Guilford. He was a trustee of Yale College and continued in office till he died in 1747, aged 60 years.

Rev. Robert Ross graduated at Princeton in 1751, was ordained in 1760 and continued in office till he died in 1799, aged about 60 years.

Rev. Samuel Blatchford was born at Davenport, England and educated at Hamerton College. He was ordained in 1789 and came to America in 1795. He preached a short time at Bedford, N.Y., about a year at Greenfield, Ct., and was installed pastor of this church in Feb'y, 1797, and at the same time had charge of an academy. In 1804 he removed to Lansingburgh, N.Y. and there superintended an academy also till 1811, when he gave up teaching and devoted the remainder of his life to preaching. He died March 17, 1838, aged 62 years. He was the father of 17 children, 10 of whom survived him. He received the degree of D.D. from Williams College.

Rev. Elijah Waterman of Bozrah graduated at Yale in 1791. He taught school in Wethersfield and studied law. His mind was turned to the subject of religion by hearing one of his pupils read in the Greek Testament "We know that his testimony is true." He studied theology with Dr. Dwight and Jonathan Edwards of New Haven. He was ordained at Windham in October, 1794 and resigned in 1804, in

consequence of a strong opposition to some of the doctrines he preached and to the fearless manner and ability of his defense of them. He was installed pastor of this church Jan'y 1, 1806 and continued in office till he died, Oct. 11, 1825, aged 56 years. He died of typhus fever at Springfield, Mass., while on a visit to his friends. He was a man of more than ordinary talent. He published seven sermons, the Life of Calvin, an octavo volume, and two or three orations. He was twice married, (1) to Lucy Abbe of Windham, by whom he had seven children; and (2) to Mrs. Lucy Talcott of Springfield, Mass., by whom he had one. Thomas, one of his sons, is a minister.

Rev. Franklin Y. Vail 1826-28

Rev. John Blatchford, son of Rev. Samuel Blatchford, graduated at Union in 1820 and studied theology at Princeton. He was settled at Pittstown, N.Y. in 1823-5, at Stillwater in 1825-9, and in this church in 1830-36. He went to Chicago and was there sick with the brain fever, from which he never fully recovered. He was professor at Marion

College, Mo., while it existed and from it he received the degree of D.D. He spent the last few years of his life at Quincy, Ill., where he died April 8, 1855, aged 56 years. He was a man of talent and a useful minister.

Bridgeport, Ct., Second Church, Jan'y 28, 1830

Bridgeport, Ct. Presbyterian Ch. 1853

Bridgewater, Mass. July 9, 1718

Rev. Benjamin Allen of Tisbury graduated at Yale in 1708 and was ordained pastor of this church the day it was organized. Mr. Allen, having no financial skill, became involved in debt and the people, after relieving him a few times, became weary of it and he was dismissed in October, 1730. He was soon after installed at Cape Elizabeth, Maine, where he died May 6, 1754, aged 65 years.

Rev. John Shaw of Bridgewater graduated at Harvard in 1729 and was ordained Nov. 17, 1731. He continued in office till he died, April 29, 1791, aged 82 years. He was a physician as well as clergyman. He fitted more than 50 young men for college.

He married Sarah, daughter of Rev. John Angier, by whom he had six children, four of whom were ministers, Oakes at Barnstable, Bezaleel at Nantucket, William at Marshfield and John at Haverhill.

Rev. Zedekiah Sanger of Sherburne graduated at Harvard in 1771, was ordained in 1776 and dismissed on account of weak eyes in 1786. Having recovered his sight he was installed at Bridgewater Dec. 17, 1788 and continued there till he died, Nov. 17, 1820, aged 72 years. He was a respectable scholar, a member of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences, and received the degree of D.D. from Brown University in 1807. He fitted many young men for college. He was a serious and kind hearted man, seldom preached on doctrinal or controverted topics and was liberal in his theology.

Bridgewater, Mass. Trinitarian Church Oct. 17, 1821.

This was a secession from the First Church.

Rev. Ebenezer Gay 1823-41

Rev. David Brigham, 1845-58

Rev. John M. Prince of Bangor, Me. graduated at Bowdoin in 1841 and at Bangor in 1845. He was ordained at Georgetown Feb'y 3, 1847 and dismissed on account of failing health in 1857.

His health being somewhat improved he resumed his labors and was installed here Feb'y 23, 1859. He labored long enough to endear himself to the people, but declining again in health he died November 16, 1859, aged 39 years. He was a diligent student and an earnest laborer in the Master's vineyard.

Bridgewater, Mass. Scotland Parish July 4, 1836

Rev. Stetson Raymond 1837-51(See Chatham)

Rev. James D. Farnsworth 1853-4 (See Boxboro)

Bridgewater, Ct. 1809

Rev. Reuben Taylor of Warren graduated at Williams College in 1806, studied theology with Dr. Hyde of Lee, Mass., and was pastor of this church from 1810 to 1815, and at Trumbull from 1817 to 1824. Soon after he went to Ohio and preached at different places in Medina and Portage counties, and died there in 1851, aged 75 years.

Bridgewater, Vt. Jan'y 1, 1793.

Rev. John Ransom was ordained pastor of this church March 4, 1795 and was dismissed in 1802.

Bridgewater, N.H. 1790

Rev. Charles Bowles graduated at the Bangor

Seminary in 1823 and was pastor of this church from 1826 to 1829. He went to the state of New York and died at Pitcairn where he was preaching as a stated supply. The date of his death and his age are unknown.

Bridgton Me. Aug. 26, 1784.

Rev. Nathan Church of South Hadley, Mass. graduated at Dartmouth in 1784 and was ordained June 17, 1789. He continued in office till he died, Nov. 14, 1836, aged 82 years.

Bridgton, Me. North Church Nov. 16, 1833

Rev. Joseph Searle, 1837-41 (See Harrison)

Bridgton, Me. South Church Dec. 30, 1829

Rev. Joseph P. Fessenden of Fryeburg graduated at Bowdoin in 1818 and was pastor at Kennebunkport from Oct. 25, 1820 to Nov. 12, 1829. He was installed first pastor of this church Feb'y 10, 1830 and continued in office till he died, in 1861. His health failed, which obliged him to relinquish preaching about two years previous to his death. A colleague was settled in 1859.

Bridport, Vt. June 30, 1790.

Rev. Increase Graves of East Haddam, Ct. was not a graduate of any college. He was ordained July 12, 1786 over a small church at Rupert gathered by his own labors. He was dismissed at his own request in May, 1793, and installed pastor of this church Feb'y 26, 1794. He resigned his charge Dec. 1, 1829, and died Dec. 24, 1831, aged 79 years.

Rev. James F. McEwen of East Hartford, Ct. graduated at Dartmouth in 1823 and at Andover in 1826. He was ordained pastor of this church June 9, 1827, continued but a short time, and was installed at Topsfield, Mass. May 5, 1830. He was dismissed Feb. 3, 1841 in consequence of a violent opposition on the part of a few persons. The council decided that the parish should pay $350. as an indemnification for injuries received. He was installed pastor of the church in Rye, N.H. December, 1841 and dismissed in 1846. He died at Brattleborough, Vt. April 14, 1850, aged 56 years. "He possessed good talents, was a good man, but at times much depressed."

Rev. Dana Lamb of Georgia, Vt. graduated at

Vermont University in 1825, studied theology with Rev. Josiah Hopkins of New Haven, and was ordained pastor of this church Feb'y 16, 1831. He was dismissed May 4, 1847 and went to Wisconsin, and died at Ripon, Aug. 2, 1861, aged 61 years. He was pastor of the church at Springvale at the time of his death. He married Julia M. Bell of Weybridge, Vt. and had 7 children. He was a good man and a useful minister.

Brighton, Mass. Feb. 26, 1783.

This was the third parish in Cambridge and called Little Cambridge till 1807.

Rev. John Foster of Warren, a brother of Rev. Joel Foster of New Salem, graduated at Dartmouth in 1783, was ordained Nov. 1, 1784, and was dismissed Oct. 31, 1827. He continued to reside in Brighton till his decease Sept. 15, 1829, aged 66 years. He was a man of considerable eminence and was invited to preach on many public occasions. He published 14 sermons, and also 8 sermons which form the third volume of the Christian Monitor. He was Arminian in doctrine and became a Unitarian. He received the degree of D.D. from Dartmouth in 1815. This church is now Unitarian.

Brighton, Mass. Evangelical Church, Sept. 13,1827

Rev. George W. Blagden, 1827-30.

Rev. William Adams, 1831-34.

Rev. William W. Newell, 1834-36.

Rev. Samuel Lamson of Salem graduated at Brown University in 1828, taught in Boston, Lynn and Andover, in all about 5 years, studied theology at Andover one year, and graduated at the seminary at New Haven in 1836. He was pastor of this church from Sept. 20, 1837 to 1841. He was pastor of the 1st. Church in Nashua, N.H. from April 8, 1846 to 1848, when he resigned on account of ill health. He died at New York, Jan'y 22, 1864, in the 57th. year of his age.

Brighton, Vt. Oct. 5, 1841.

Brimfield, Mass. 1724.

Rev. Richard Treat of Glastonbury, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1719 and was ordained the day the church was organized. In 1733 a difficulty arose between the pastor and his people in regard to the salary, which resulted in his dismission March 27, 1734. He was then in the 40th. year of his age, and returned to Glastonbury and died in 1755, aged 61 years.

Rev. James Bridgeham of Boston graduated at Harvard in 1726 and was ordained June 9, 1736. He continued in office till he died Sept. 7, 1779, aged 69 years. "He is said to have been a man of respectable talents and to have performed the duties of his office to general acceptance." He was an evangelical preacher and was much respected by his people. In consequence of bodily infirmity he was unable to preach some of the last years of his life. He was twice married and had 9 children.

Rev. Nehemiah Williams, son of Rev. Chester Williams of Hadley, graduated at Harvard in 1769 and was ordained Feb'y 8, 1775. He died in the midst of his days and usefulness, Nov. 26, 1796, in the 48th. year of his age. He was long and affectionately remembered. He had the confidence of his parishioners and lived in harmony with them. He was a very acceptable preacher. A volume of his sermons was published after his decease. He had a family of ten children, some of whom became prominent citizens in the town.

Rev. Clark Brown of Stonington, Ct. was not a graduate of any college. He received the degree of A.M. at Yale in 1794, and at three other colleges

prior to 1799. He was ordained at Boston October 7, 1795 as pastor of the church in Machias, Me. He was then an avowed Arminian. At Machias he reformed the articles of faith, abrogating the doctrine of the Trinity and total depravity, and admitted persons to the communion without any evidence of regeneration. About half the church, refusing to adopt the new articles, were suspended from communion. He was dismissed Nov. 3, 1797, and installed pastor of this church June 20, 1798. His stay was short and the time of his continuance here stormy. He preached the same doctrines he did at Machias. He was dismissed Nov. 2, 1803. He is said to have been a man of talent and of uncommon fluency, but not distinguished for patience or prudence. He died in Maryland Jan'y 12, 1817, aged 45 years. After leaving Brimfield he preached in Orange and in Swanzey, N.H. He married Tabba Moffat of Brimfield.

Rev. Warren Fay, 1808-11 (See Harvard)

Rev. Joseph Vaill, 1814-34.

Rev. Joseph Fuller, 1835-37.

Rev. Joseph Vaill, 1837-41.

Rev. George C. Partridge, 1842-46.

Rev. Jason Morse of Sturbridge graduated at Amherst in 1845 and at Andover in 1849. He was ordained Dec. 2, 1849 and continued in office till he died, Oct. 14, 1861, aged 40 years. He died of diptheria after an illness of three days. He was calm, composed and happy; had served God faithfully while he lived and was not forsaken in the hour of death. He was twice married, to two daughters of Theodore Parsons of Southampton, and left three children.

Bristol, N.H. Nov. 15, 1826.

Rev. John S. Winter, not a graduate of any college, was ordained pastor of this church about 1830 and resigned in March, 1837. In November of the same year he was installed pastor of the church in Ossipee, where he remained till he died, Jan'y 30, 1848, aged 55 years. His salary at Ossipee was $200. and the use of the parsonage, with the privilege of being absent one-fourth of the time.

Rev. Daniel O. Morton, of Winthrop, Me. graduated at Middlebury in 1812, studied theology with Dr. Patton of Newport, R.I., and was pastor of the

church in Shoreham, Vt. from 1814 to 1831, and of Springfield from 1831 to 1836. He was pastor in Winchendon, Mass. from 1836 to 1840 and of this church from 1842 till he died, March 25, 1852, aged 63 years. He wrote the lives of Rev. Levi Parsons and Mrs. Abigail Baily, and published several sermons and other pamphlets. He was a man of sincere piety and of more than ordinary talent.

Bristol, Vt. July 8, 1805.

Rev. Calvin Butler of Jericho graduated at Middlebury in 1824 and at Andover in 1827. He was employed some years as a home missionary, was installed here Feb'y 10, 1842 and dismissed in 1845 for want of support. He went west and died very suddenly while at the house of a parishioner, Dec. 2, 1854, aged 58 years.

Bristol, Ct. Aug. 12, 1747.

Rev. Samuel Newell, a native of Southington, graduated at Yale in 1739 and was ordained Aug. 17, 1747. He received a call two years previous, but his ordination was delayed on account of the oppo-

sition of a few persons, who finally declared themselves to belong to the Church of England. He was a gentleman of good genius, solid judgment, sound in the faith, a fervent experimental preacher, and a man of unaffected piety. He died Feb'y 10, 1789, in the 75th. year of his age.

Rev. Giles H. Cowles of Farmington graduated at Yale in 1789, studied theology with the younger President Edwards, and was ordained in 1790. In 1810 he resigned, and was pastor of the church in Austinburg, Ohio, from Sept. 25, 1811 to Feb. 3, 1830. After that he preached for a short time in many vacant parishes in that vicinity and died July 5, 1835, aged 69 years. He received the degree of D.D. from Williams College. He was a man of talent and highly esteemed.

Rev. David L. Parmelee of Litchfield was not a graduate of any college. He was ordained pastor of this church Feb'y 29, 1832 and dismissed in 1841. He was installed pastor of the church in Morris in August, 1841 and continued there till he died, June 29, 1865, aged 69 years. He was a good pastor and

a man of more than ordinary ability.

Rev. Jonathan Cone, son of Rev. Salmon Cone of Colchester, graduated at Yale in 1808 and at Andover in 1810. He was pastor of this church from 1811 to 1828. He was then pastor of the Presbyterian Church in Durham, N.Y. from 1830 to 1848, when he resigned and removed to New Haven, where he died Jan'y 4, 1850, in the 66th. year of his age. His preaching was eminently scriptural and such as to force upon his hearers the conviction that his great aim was to exalt Christ and save them that heard him. His sufferings in his last sickness were excruciating and were endured with Christian patience. He married Abigail C. Usher of Colchester and had 11 children, one of whom is pastor at Chicopee, Mass.

Bristol, R.I. May 3, 1687.

Rev. Samuel Lee of England was educated at Oxford, settled in England, was ejected from the ministry and came to America. He was installed first pastor of this church on the day it was organized.

In 1694, there being a more tolerant spirit in England, he was dismissed and sailed for his native land. He was taken prisoner by the French on his way home, carried to Grance, and died there. Cotton Mather says he was the author of ten or twelve works, the best of which was entitled "De Excidio Antichristi" and the next "Orbis Miraculum or the Temple of Solomon." He was born in London in 1627 and died at the age of 67.

Rev. John Sparhawk of Cambridge gradueted at Harvard in 1689 and was ordained June 12, 1695. He continued in office till he died April 29, 1768, aged 46 years. He had two sons, John, who was a minister in Salem, Mass., and Nathaniel, who was a judge in Maine. He was thrice married. His first wife was Elizabeth Poole.

Rev. Nathaniel Cotton, son of Rev. Roland Cotton of Sandwich, Mass., graduated at Harvard in 1717 and was ordained August 30, 1721. He continued in office till he died July 3, 1739, aged 31 years. He was a very gentlemanly man, but a bold reprover of sin.

Rev. Barnabas Taylor of Yarmouth graduated at Harvard in 1721, was ordained Dec. 24, 1729, and dismissed June 3, 1740. There was some defect in his character; he retired from the ministry and taught school in Rehoboth, Mass.

Rev. John Burt of Boston graduated at Harvard in 1736 and was ordained May 13, 1741. He continued in office till he died Oct. 7, 1775, aged 59 years. On the day of his death a British fleet of armed ships anchored in the harbor and commenced cannonading the village. Many people were sick at the time and among others the venerable pastor. Most of the inhabitants fled and the next morning Mr. Burt was found in the field, lying upon his face, dead. It is supposed that he attempted to flee amidst the general consternation and died in the attempt. He was an able advocate of liberty and religious freedom.

Rev. Henry Wight of Medfield, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1782, studied theology with Dr. Prentiss in his native town, and was ordained Jan'y 5, 1785. The town was in an unsettled state during

the Revolutionary War and the stated worship of God on the Sabbath was broken up. Mr. Wight was a trustee of Brown University many years and received from it the degree of D.D. He was sole pastor till 1815, when a colleague was settled; in 1828 he resigned his charge but preached occasionally. He died in August, 1837, aged 84 years. He was a man of amiable disposition and devoted piety. His labors were much blessed.

Rev. Joel Mann, 1815-26.

Rev. Isaac Lewis, 1828-31 (See Greenwich)

Bristol, Me. 1767.

Rev. Alexander McLean of Scotland received his education at Aberdeen and, coming to America, was ordained pastor of this church July 4, 1773. He continued in office till he died Jan'y 11, 1808, aged 64 years. He was a physician as well as a minister. His health began to fail in 1788 and in 1791 he went to Scotland and was absent a year. He asked a dismission but it was refused. The parish, however, granted his request in 1795.

Rev. William Riddell of Colerain, Mass. graduated at Dartmouth in 1793, studied theology with Doctors Burton and Emmons, and was pastor of this church from Aug. 1796 to 1804. He lived on a farm in Gill, Mass. and preached as stated supply in the neighborhood. He was pastor of the church in Whitingham, Vt. from 1815 to 1817. After this he resided at Hadley, Bernardston and South Deerfield, and died at the latter place Oct. 24, 1849, aged 82 years. He married a daughter of Dr. Hopkins of Hadley, and Rev. S. H. Riddell, one of the editors of the Puritan Recorder, is his son. He was a man of energy, benevolent, spiritual-minded and useful.

Rev. Jonathan Belden, son of Rev. Joshua Belden of Wethersfield, Ct., graduated at Yale in 1796 and was pastor of the church in Winthrop, Me. from 1800 to 1805. He was installed pastor of this church Aug. 12, 1807 and dismissed in 1817. He resided many years at Hallowell, where he died in the spring of 1844, aged about 70 years.

Rev. Nathaniel Chapman, 1824-33. (See Camden)

Brookfield, Mass. April 15, 1756.

This was the Third Parish of Brookfield and called South Brookfield till the other parishes became separate towns.

Rev. Nathan Fiske of Weston graduated at Harvard in 1754 and was ordained May 24, 1758. "By assiduous application he rose to eminence as a scholar and gained public esteem. With a small salary he maintained his family and educated three sons". He was generous and hospitable. He was of the Arminian school in theology and received the degree of D.D. from Harvard. He published seven occasional sermons and the Moral Monitor, in two volumes. He preached as usual on the Sabbath of Nov. 24, 1799, retired to rest in apparent health, and died soon after without a struggle or groan, aged 66 years.

Rev. Micah Stone, son of Rev. Eliab Stone of Reading, graduated at Harvard in 1790, was tutor for a time and ordained March 11, 1801. He continued pastor of this church till his death, Sept. 20, 1852, aged 82 years. He preached his semi-centennial

in 1851, which was published. His connection with the parish was dissolved about 1828, prior to which great efforts were made to effect his removal. The church adhered to the pastor, and the parish took measures for the settlement of a Unitarian minister. Mr. Stone was a good man and wrote good sermons, but was not a popular preacher. He left a wife but no children.

Brookfield, Ct. Sept. 28, 1758.

This was called Newbury and was a parish of Danbury and New Milford till 1788.

Rev. Thomas Brooks graduated at Yale in 1755 and was organized the day the church was organized. He continued in office till he died in September, 1799.

Rev. Erastus Ripley, 1801-2 (See Meriden)

Rev. Richard Williams of Lebanon graduated at Yale in 1802 and was pastor of this church from 1807 to 1811, when he was dismissed and removed to the state of New York, where he was employed as a missionary. He died at Union Springs November 15, 1844, aged about 63 years. He married Electa White

of Bolton and had nine children.

Rev. Bela Kellogg, 1813-17 (See Avon)

Brookfield, Vt. July 11, 1787

Rev. Elijah Lyman of Tolland, Ct. graduated at Dartmouth in 1787 and was ordained April 8, 1789. He continued in office till he died, April 12, 1828, aged 64 years.

Brookfield, Vt. North Church, 1848.

Brookline, Mass. Oct. 26, 1717.

Rev. James Allen of Roxbury, who graduated at Harvard in 1710, was ordained Nov. 5, 1718. He is said to have been a pious and judicious divine. In 1743 he wrote a favorable account of the great awakening in his parish and by so doing identified himself with the friends of Whitefield, who were the progressive party. For reasons unknown he afterwards took opposite ground, which alienated many of his people and embittered the last years of his life. He died of consumption Feb'y 18, 1747, in the 56th. year of his age. He published seven sermons.

Rev. Cotton Brown of Haverhill, who graduated at Harvard in 1743, was ordained Oct. 26, 1748 and died April 13, 1751, in the 25th. year of his age. He was son of Rev. John Brown.

Rev. Nathaniel Potter of Elizabethtown, N.J. graduated at Princeton College in 1753 and was ordained Nov. 19, 1755. Three unsuccessful attempts to ordain him had been previously made. He continued but a short time; he was dismissed at his own request June 17, 1759. He is said to have died at sea. The date of his death is unknown. He published one sermon.

Rev. Joseph Jackson of Boston graduated at Harvard in 1753 and was ordained April 9, 1760. He continued in office till he died, July 22, 1796, aged 62 years. He preached the Sabbath before he died on the words " I beseech you, that ye receive not the grace of God in vain". He was a popular preacher, but so modest that he declined preaching on public occasions. He would never consent to have a sermon printed.

Rev. John Pierce of Dorchester graduated at Harvard in 1793, studied theology with Prof. Tappan of Cambridge, and was ordained March 15, 1797. He continued in office till he died, Aug. 24, 1849, aged 76 years. He married (1) Abigail Lowell of Medway; (2) Lucy Tappan of Northampton; and had ten children. He was regarded as a Unitarian, though he repudiated the name.

Brookline, Mass. Harvard Church, Aug. 26, 1844.

Brookline, N.H. Dec. 10, 1795

Rev. Lemuel Wadsworth of Stoughton, Mass. graduated at Brown in 1793 and was ordained October 11, 1797. He received 150 pounds settlement and 60 pounds salary for three years, after which 70 pounds. He continued in office till he died, Nov. 25, 1817, aged 48 years. He had the confidence and esteem of the people. Only 19 persons were added to the church during his ministry. After his decease they had a stated supply for two years who produced a great excitement and admitted persons to the church

without any evidence of piety.

Rev. Jacob Holt of Andover, Mass. graduated at Dartmouth in 1803 and was ordained Jan'y 31, 1827. He resigned in 1831 and removed to Merrimac, where he died March 30, 1847, aged 66 years.

Rev. Henry E. Eastman of Granby, Mass. graduated at Amherst in 1830, at Andover in 1835, and was ordained December 9 of the same year. He continued about two years, went west as a home missionary, and died at Somerset, Mass. Oct. 15, 1853, aged 46 years. Before he left a majority of the town, to whom the house belonged, took it from the Congregational Church and gave it to a Christian preacher who was to exchange with Unitarians and Universalists.

Brooklyn, Ct. Nov. 21, 1734.

This town was called Martlake till 1734.

Rev. Ephraim Avery graduated at Harvard in 1731, and was ordained in 1735. He continued in office till he died October 20, 1754, in the 42nd. year of his age. He was a good general scholar, a sound

divine and a much esteemed minister.

Rev. Josiah Whitney of Plainfield graduated at Yale in 1752 and was ordained Feb'y 4, 1756. He continued in office 68 years, till he died, Oct. 20, 1824, aged 93 years. He was 23 years a trustee of Yale College and received the degree of D.D. from Harvard. His last words were,- "Lord Jesus receive my spirit". He published five sermons. He studied theology with Rev. Mr. Breck of Springfield, whose daughter he married. He was a moderate Calvinist, social, communicative and much esteemed.

Rev. Luther Wilson, 1813-17

Rev. Ambrose Edson, 1824-30 (See Berlin)

Brooks, Maine. October 6, 1812.

Brooksville, Maine. Jan'y 4, 1826.

Rev. Manning Ellis graduated at Bangor in 1823 and was ordained the day the church was organized. He was dismissed March 10, 1835 and afterward preached as stated supply to the church in Sedgwick till he died, early in 1854, aged about

50 years. He was a good man and died lamented.

Rev. George W. Adams of Limerick graduated at Bowdoin in 1835 and at Bangor in 1837. He was ordained pastor of this church October 26, 1837 and dismissed in 1839. He was pastor of the church at Hillsborough Center, N. H., from 1840 to 1844. From the last date to 1857 he preached as stated supply at Dracut and Shirley, Mass. and at Jaffrey, N.H., and was then installed at River Point, R. I., where he continued till he died, Dec. 9, 1862, aged 54 years. He was a man of Puritan energy, earnestness and simplicity. He wrote sermons with great facility and always had several that he had not preached.

Brownfield, Maine, 1806

Rev. Jacob Rice of Northborough, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1765 and was ordained pastor of the church in Henniker, N.H. June 7, 1769. He was dismissed on account of ill health February 21, 1782 and for many years preached only occasionally. He was installed pastor of this church in

October, 1806 and continued in office till he died, Feb'y 21, 1824, aged 84 years.

Rev. Charles Soule 1830-1833

Rev. David Gerry, not a graduate of any college, was ordained pastor of this church Dec. 25, 1839, and continued in office till he died, November 5, 1856, aged about 45 years. He was a laborious and faithful pastor, a good man, lovely in spirit and beloved by his people.

Brownington, Vt. 1809

Rev. Henry Woodward, who graduated at Dartmouth in 1815, is said to have been the first pastor of this church. When or how long I do not know. He died in 1834, aged 37 years.

Rev. Alexander L. Twilight of Corinth graduated at Middlebury in 1823, and was pastor of this church from 1829 to 1834. He was afterwards engaged in teaching more than 20 years, most of the time in Brownington. He died in this place June 30, 1857, aged 61 years.

Rev. Vernon Wolcott was not a graduate of any

college. He received a master's degree from Middlebury in 1841. He was settled here in 1842, dismissed Sept. 17, 1845, and died in October 1847. He graduated at Auburn Seminary in 1835.

Brownville, Maine, August, 1819

Brunswick, Me. 1747

A settlement was commenced here as early as 1626. It was destroyed by the Indians in 1676, and in 1690. It began to be settled a third time in 1713, was burned in 1722, and the settlement resumed in 1727. It was not incorporated till 1797.

Rev. Robert Dunlap of Antrim, Ireland, was educated at Edinburgh, came to America in 1736, and was ordained at Boston by the Presbytery for Brunswick in 1747. He was dismissed in October 1760 and died in 1776, aged 61 years.

Rev. John Miller of Milton, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1752 and was ordained November 3, 1762, and continued here till he died June 25, 1789, aged

56 years. In 1769 Mr. Miller declared himself a Congregationalist; the church up to that time had been Presbyterian.

Rev. Ebenezer Coffin of Newburyport, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1789 and was ordained June 23, 1794. He removed to Newburyport, Mass., where he died in 1816, aged about 50 years, leaving a widow and two children. His son Robert, a printer, sailor and poet, who died at the age of 30 on account of his intemperance, it is said was not benefited by the example of his father.

Rev. Winthrop Bailey of Berlin, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1807, was tutor in Bowdoin College, and pastor of this church from 1811 to 1814. He was installed pastor of the church in Pelham in 1815, avowed himself a Unitarian, and was dismissed in 1824. He became pastor of a Unitarian church in Greenfield, Mass. in 1825 and continued in office till he died, in March, 1835, aged 50 years. He was an amiable, modest and unassuming man. He published a pamphlet containing several sermons.

Rev. Asa Mead of Meredith, N.H. graduated at

Dartmouth in 1818, at Andover in 1821 and was ordained pastor of this church December 18, 1822. He was dismissed in July, 1829 and installed pastor of the church in East Hartford, Ct. in 1830. He died in November, 1831, aged 39 years. He was an ardent, earnest preacher and a useful laborer in the protracted meetings that were frequent in those days. He was the father of John Mooney Mead, whose biography he wrote for Sabbath Schools.

Buckland, Mass. October, 1785

Rev. Josiah Spaulding of Plainfield, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1778, was ordained at Uxbridge, Mass. Sept. 11, 1783 and dismissed Oct. 28, 1787. He was installed at Worthington in 1788, dismissed, and installed pastor of this church in 1794. He continued in office till he died May 8, 1823, aged 71 years. He published a valuable volume entitled "Universalism destroys itself". He was a faithful preacher and evangelical in doctrine. His name and memory are cherished with affection by his people.

He studied theology with Dr. West of

Stockbridge. He married Mary, daughter of Judge Williams of Taunton and had five children; his only son was deranged more than forty years.

Bucksport, Maine, May 12, 1803.

This was called Buckstown till 1817.

Rev. Mighill Blood, who graduated at Dartmouth in 1800, was ordained the day the church was organized. He was dismissed in 1843 and removed to Ellsworth, where he resided until he died in 1852, aged 74 years. He was a good man and much respected.

Burke, Vt. March 1, 1807.

Burlington, Mass. Oct. 29, 1735.

Rev. Supply Clap, of Dorchester, graduated at Harvard in 1731, taught school some time in his native town and studied theology with the pastor of that church. He was ordained the day the church was organized and continued in office till he died, Dec. 28, 1747, aged 37 years. He left a wife and three children, who many years after presented the church a folio Bible for the pulpit.

Rev. Thomas Jones of Dorchester graduated at Harvard in 1741 and was ordained January 2, 1751. He died of apoplexy in the pulpit Sabbath morning, at the close of the first prayer, March 13, 1774, aged 53 years.

Rev. John Marratt of Cambridge graduated at Harvard in 1763 and was ordained Dec. 21, 1774. He studied theology at Cambridge, where he resided several years after his graduation. He was a descendant on his mother's side of President Dunster. He died Feb'y 18, 1813, aged 72 years.

Burlington, Ct. July 3, 1783.

This was a parish of Bristol and was called West Britain till 1806.

Rev. Jonathan Miller of Torringford graduated at Yale in 1781 and was ordained at or near the time the church was organized. He was a man of clear, strong and active mind, fond of study and a discriminating preacher. He was not a polished writer, but a clear thinker. In the latter part of his life his hard worked faculties failed and the strong man was

mentally like a little child. He was of the medium height, rather corpulent, social and kind hearted. He died July 21, 1831, in the 71st. year of his age.

Rev. Erastus Clapp 1823 - 1828

Rev. Erastus Scranton of Madison, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1802. He was pastor of the church in Orange from July, 1805 to Jan'y, 1827. He supplied the church in Wolcott more than two years and was pastor of this church from Jan'y, 1830 to May, 1840. He was agent of the Connecticut Bible Society four years, after which he devoted his time chiefly to agricultural pursuits, though he never lost his interest in the work of the ministry. He was a good man and filled up his days with usefulness. He died at Burlington Oct. 5, 1861, aged 84 years.

Burlington, Maine July 12, 1827.
Burlington, Vermont Feb'y 23, 1805.

So large a portion of the members of this church were Unitarians that they could not unite in calling a minister and in 1810 they separated and became two bands, Unitarian and Orthodox.

Rev. Daniel Haskell of Preston, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1802. He was a teacher, but was ordained pastor of this church April 10, 1810. He resigned in 1821 and was President of Vermont University from 1822 to 1825. He soon after became insane or subject to a peculiar monomania. He imagined he had died in some other world where he had rebelled against God and was now suffering the penalty of the law, and that he was no longer a probationer. Hence he would not pray. He resided in Brooklyn, N.Y. the last fifteen years of his life and died there August 9, 1848, aged 64 years. He was a man of high literary attainments and of deep reverence toward God. He published two sermons, a Gazetteer of the United States and a Chronology of the World.

Rev. Willard Preston 1822-1825(See Providence)

Rev. Reuben Smith of Bolton, N.Y. graduated at Middlebury in 1813 and at Princeton Theological Seminary in 1815. He was pastor of a church in Ballston, N.Y. from 1816 to 1825 and of this church from 1825 to 1831. He was after-

wards settled at Waterford and again at Ballston. He removed to Wisconsin and died at Beaver Dam Nov. 8, 1860, aged 71 years. He was a man of talent and of devoted piety. He published Doctrinal Lectures, Recollections of Nettleton, and a translation of D'Aubigne's "Voice of the Church One."

Winooski Falls, Vt. 1835

Burlington, Vt. Third Church, Nov. 4, 1860

Buxton, Maine March 2, 1763

Rev. Paul Coffin of Newbury, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1759 and was ordained March 16, 1763. He continued in office till he died, June 6, 1821, aged 85 years. During the last four years of his life he had a colleague. He received the degree of D.D. from Harvard in 1812. He preached the Massachusetts Election Sermon in 1799.

Rev. Levi Loring of New Gloucester was not a graduate of any college. He studied theology with Rev. Dr. Cogswell of Saco, was ordained October 22, 1817, and resigned August 21, 1835. He was for

eleven years a missionary among the feeble churches of Maine and five years stated supply at Biddeford. He filled up his days with usefulness and died at Athens January 16, 1860, aged 77 years. He was buried in Saco.

Rev. Benjamin Rice graduated at Brown in 1808 and at Andover in 1811. He was a native of Sturbridge, Mass. and was first pastor of a church in Skeneateles, N.Y. from 1813 to 1817, and of the first church in South Deerfield, Mass. from Feb'y 10, 1819 to Jan'y 31, 1827. He was installed at New Gloucester, Me. October 1, 1828, dismissed in 1835, and installed pastor of this church December 9 of the last named year. He was dismissed Oct. 13, 1842 and preached as stated supply in Winchendon, Mass. and other places till he died at Winchendon July 12, 1847. aged 53 years. He married (1) Miss Harriet Barrett of Sharon, Ct.; (2) Miss Almira Whipple of Charlton, Mass.; and (3) Miss Lucy Whitney of Winchendon. He was a useful minister and a man of sincere piety.

Cabot, Vt. Oct. 25, 1801

Calais, Maine Aug. 27, 1825

Rev. Aaron B. Church of Amherst, Mass. graduated at Middlebury in 1822 and at Andover in 1825. He was ordained the first pastor of this church October 1, 1828 and was dismissed March 19, 1834. He preached as stated supply in several New England churches, but went West and settled at Princeton, Ill., where he died Apr. 29, 1857, aged 59 years.

Rev. Eber Child of Thetford, Vt. graduated at Dartmouth in 1821 and at Andover in 1826. He was pastor of the church in Deering, N.H. from January, 1830 to 1834 and was installed over this church December 31 of the last named year. He was dismissed March 22, 1837. I find him preaching as a Home Missionary in Western New York in 1846 and 7, and the Andover Triennial says he died in 1847 at Fulton, Wisconsin.

Cambridge, Vt. 1792

Rev. Elijah Wollage of Bernardston, Mass.

graduated at Dartmouth in 1791 and was ordained at Guilford March 13, 1793. He was dismissed April 10, 1797, was pastor of this church from 1805 to 1806, and of the church at Rockingham from 1818 to 1821. He was at Pulteney, N.Y. about seven years. He died at Starkey, N.Y. July 18, 1847, aged 78 years. He was a strong and vigorous man, but was struck down by a short illness with which he was seized while preparing for the Sabbath. He exemplified in his daily walk and conversation the truths he preached.

Rev. John C. Truair of Granville studied theology with Rev. Holland Weeks while he was at Pittsford, Vt., and was pastor of this church from Nov. 1810 to June, 1813. He was next settled at Sherburne, N.Y. and at Cherry Valley. He went to the city of New York and prior to 1827 was an agent of the Seaman's Friend Society. He was while there deposed by the first presbytery and appeared next at Westhampton, Mass. as an independent preacher, calling himself a Unionist. He drew off a part of the church and left about 1833. He returned to Cambridge and agi-

tated the church for a time, and died about 1845.

Rev. George W. Ranslow was born at Hinesborough in September, 1800, was a member of the college at Middlebury for a time, and graduated at Bangor in 1828. He was ordained pastor of this church Feb'y 5, 1829, was dismissed in Jan'y, 1833, and installed at Georgia June 19 of the same year. He resigned Jan'y 31, 1855, but continued to reside there till he died, April 7, 1865, in the 65th. year of his age. He preached at Milton Falls as stated supply after his dismission from Georgia. He married Anne, daughter of Rev. Simeon Parmalee and had five children. He was a strong man physically and intellectually.

Cambridge, Mass. February 1, 1636

A church was organized here Oct. 11, 1633, of which Hooker and Stone were pastors, but in 1635 the whole company sold out to another company that arrived that year from England, and removed to Hartford, Ct., which see.

Rev. Thomas Shepard graduated at Cambridge, England in 1623. After preaching three years in

England, he was silenced by the Bishop for his Puritanism and came to Boston October 3, 1635. He was ordained soon after the church was organized. Harvard College was located at Cambridge that it might be under the wakeful eye of a man who was vigilant in guarding against Antinomian errors. He died of quinsy, occasioned by taking cold on his return from Rowley, August 25, 1649, aged 44 years. He was thrice married; (1) to Margaret Touteville; (2) to Joanna Hooker; and (3) to Margaret Boradel. He left three sons who became ministers. "He was a poor, weak, pale-complexioned man", but a very studious, lively preacher. He was distinguished for his piety, zeal and great usefulness. The study of every sermon, he said, cost him tears, and "before he preached it he got good from it himself." "He always went into the pulpit as if he were to give up his account to his master." His preaching produced immediate results. It was common for those who stayed at home on the Sabbath to enquire of those who were at church,- "who today cried out for

mercy?" He finished his preparation for the Sabbath uniformly before 2 o'clock P.M. on Saturday and said,- "God will curse the labors of him who lumbers about all the week and goes to his study Saturday afternoon to prepare his sermon."

He was called the "memorable", "celebrated" and "famous" Shepard. He published much, especially on experimental religion. His works have been republished in three volumes by the Congregational Board of Publication.

Rev. Jonathan Mitchell of Halifax, England, came to America in 1635, being 11 years old. His father died in Stamford, Ct. in 1645. He graduated at Harvard in 1647 and was converted under the ministry of Mr. Shepard. He said,- "unless it had been spent in heaven, I know not how I could have more cause to bless God with wonder, than for those four years spent at the University." He preached his first sermon at Hartford, Ct. June 24, 1649 and was immediately invited to settle there, but on leaving Cambridge he had promised to keep himself disengaged until his return, and so he declined the call. He

went to Cambridge 13 days before Mr. Shepard died and, continuing there, was ordained August 21, 1650. President Dunster having preached several sermons against infant baptism, he replied to them with great wisdom and effect. He was an influential member of the Synod of 1662, in which questions relating to church membership and discipline were discussed. President Chauncey, who was opposed to him in the Synod, said,- "I know no man that I could envy so much as worthy Mr. Mitchell for his great holiness, learning, meekness and wisdom." Richard Baxter said,- "if an ecumenical council could be obtained, he was worthy to be its moderator." Increase Mather said he "never knew a death that caused so great mourning and lamentation as that of Mr. Mitchell", who departed this life July 9, 1668, in the 43rd. year of his age. He published two sermons. He married Margaret, the daughter of his predecessor, by whom he had four sons and several daughters.

Rev. Urian Oakes was son of Edward Oakes of Cambridge. He was born in England in 1630,

and came to this country with his parents while a child. He graduated at Harvard in 1650. He prepared an almanac for that year which was printed at Cambridge. He went to England about 1653 and preached there until he was silenced in 1662. After the death of Mr. Mitchell the church at Cambridge, attracted by his celebrity for learning, piety, and ministerial ability, sent a messenger to England to invite him to become their pastor. He accepted the invitation and commenced his ministry at Cambridge Nov. 8, 1671. On becoming President of Harvard College in 1675, he still retained his charge of the church and congregation. He died July 25, 1681, in the 50th. year of his age. He published, besides some astronomical observations, four or five sermons.

Cotton Mather says "he was a notable critic in all points of learning and well versed in every point of the Great Circle." Increase Mather says,- "If we consider him as a divine, as a scholar or as a Christian, it is hard to tell in which he did most excel". His sons died in early manhood. His only

daughter, Hannah, became the wife of Rev. Samuel Angier of Watertown. Chief Justice Shaw is through her a descendant of President Oakes.

Rev. Nathaniel Gookin was son of Major Gen. Gookin and was born at Cambridge Oct. 22, 1656. He graduated at Harvard in 1675. In 1679 the church at Cambridge gave a call to Mr. Gookin to assist Mr. Oakes in the ministry in order to become their pastor at a convenient time. When Mr. Oakes died he was called to the pastoral office and was ordained November 15, 1682. He died suddenly on the Sabbath, August 7, 1692, aged 34. He married Hannah Savage, by whom he had three children; one, Nathaniel, was minister of Hampton, N.H., and his daughter, Hannah, was the wife of Rev. S. Bradstreet.

Judge Sewall says in his journal,- "On Monday Joseph Elliot came in and told the amazing news of Rev. Mr. Gookin being dead; it is even as sudden to me as Mr. Oakes' death. He was one of our best ministers and one of the best friends I had left."

Rev. William Brattle was born in Boston in 1662 and graduated at Harvard in 1680. He was some time tutor in college and "did his utmost to form the students to virtue and the fear of God." When the smallpox prevailed in college, though he had never had it he visited those sick, venturing his life that he might minister to their souls and bodies.

He was ordained pastor Nov. 25, 1696. He was quite rich but gave with a liberal hand. He was polite, courteous and obliging. He was patient of injuries, candid and tolerant towards other denominations. He was a Fellow of the Royal Society in England. He compiled a Compendium of Logic which was used as a text book at Harvard many years. He died Feb'y 15, 1717, aged 55 years, and left two hundred and fifty pounds to Harvard College. His funeral was attended by a great concourse of people.

Rev. Nathaniel Appleton of Ipswich graduated at Harvard in 1712 and was ordained Oct. 9, 1717. He continued pastor of the church till his decease February 9, 1784, aged 91 years. He was venerable

for his years and for his wisdom and virtue. In 1771 the University of Harvard conferred upon him the degree of D.D., having never conferred it but in a single instance before, which was upon Rev. Increase Mather. His published sermons were numerous. His discourses were plain and practical, though sometimes quaint and homely. He was liberal in his views, endeavoring to reconcile and keep together those whose creeds were diverse, rather than promote agitation and discussion. He married Margaret, daughter of Rev. H. Gibbs of Watertown.

Rev. Timothy Hilliard 1783-1790 (See Barnstable)

Rev. Abiel Holmes of Woodstock, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1783, was tutor one year, and was ordained at New Haven Sept. 15, 1785 as pastor of the church in Midway, Ga. He resigned in June, 1791 in consequence of the effect of the climate upon his health. He was installed at Cambridge Jan'y 25, 1792. In 1829 the church seceded from the First Society in Cambridge and the pastor with them. He resigned his charge Sept. 26, 1831 and died June 4, 1837, aged 74 years. He was a man of

learning, talent and worth. He received the degree of D.D. from Harvard and of L.L.D. from Edinburgh. He was a voluminous writer. His great work is "American Annals", in two volumes 8vo. Besides this he published about thirty sermons, the Memoir of President Stiles, and several other pamphlets. He was one of the publishing committee of the Massachusetts Historical Society and wrote many articles which appeared in its "Collections". His first wife was a daughter of President Stiles; his second a daughter of Hon. Oliver Wendell, by whom he had four children.

Cambridge, Cambridge Port (1) Sept. 20, 1827

Cambridge, Cambridge Port (2) Sept. 8, 1842

Cambridge, North (Holmes Church) Sept. 23, 1857

Camden, Maine Sept. 11, 1805

Rev. Thomas Cochran, born at New Boston, N.H. April 14, 1771, graduated at Brown University in 1799. He was ordained at the time the church was organized and was dismissed in 1814.

Rev. Darwin Adams 1828-1834

Rev. Nathaniel Chapman of Exeter, N.H. graduated at Bangor Seminary in 1820, was pastor of the church in Bristol from Sept. 1824 to 1833, and of this church from May, 1835 to 1849. He preached in Unity, Thorndike and Freedom till 1856 and then in Pittston till he died of lung fever, April 1, 1858, aged 69 years. He was a man of sound judgment and devoted to his work. His preaching was scriptural and practical.

Campton, N.H. June 1, 1774

Rev. Selden Church of East Haddam, Ct. graduated at Yale in 1765 and was ordained in October 1774. He was dismissed in 1791. In October 1792 they gave him a call to become again their pastor. It was not accepted. He continued to reside in the place and died in 1802, aged about 60 years.

Rev. John Webber 1812-1815

Rev. Amos P. Brown 1815-1822

Rev. Jonathan L. Hale of Canaan, Ct. graduated at Middlebury in 1819 and at Andover

in 1822. He was pastor of this church from June 23, 1824 to 1832, and of the church in Windham, Me. from 1832 till he died, Jan'y 15, 1835, aged 43 years. He was a good man and successful in the ministry.

Rev. Benjamin P. Stone 1833-37

Rev. Thomas P. Beach was ordained Feb'y 21, 1838; was not a church member, nor had he any license to preach. He proved to be an abolitionist of the most ultra school, was dismissed in 1841, went to Akron, Ohio, and engaged in teaching. He reformed and seemed to be a good man. He died suddenly at Akron. (See N.H.Min. p.522)

Canaan, N.H. 1803

There was in this place a branch of the church of East Hanover as early as 1799.

Canaan, Ct. (South) March, 1740

Rev. Elisha Webster of Southington graduated at Yale in 1738 and was ordained October 1, 1740. He was dismissed October 14, 1752 and never settled again. He lived many years, mostly upon opium, and died in 1788, aged 75 years.

Rev. Daniel Farrand of Milford graduated at Nassau Hall in 1750 and was ordained, it is said, August 12, 1752. This date is inconsistent with that of the dismission of Mr. Webster, though I have taken both from the same author. I presume Mr. Webster was dismissed in August and Mr. Farrand ordained in October. He continued in office till he died, March 28, 1803, aged 84 years. He was a good classical scholar and a sound and able theologian. He was an instructive and entertaining preacher, a man of deep piety and good common sense. He had an unpleasant tone that marred his delivery. He fitted many young men for college. Lemuel Haynes, the colored preacher, studied with him a year or two. He was distinguished for his wit, which was used by him very much to elucidate grave subjects and to administer seasonable reproof. A rich farmer, who was exceedingly penurious, invited Mr. Farrand to walk in his meadow and see his productive fields. While the farmer was extolling the richness and productiveness of his

farm, Mr. Farrand said:

"Though a broad stream with golden sands
Through all his meadows roll,
Yet he's a wretch with all his lands
Who wears a narrow soul."

He had a remarkable memory and could repeat a sermon verbatim after he had written it.

Rev. Charles Prentice of Bethlehem graduated at Yale in 1802 and was ordained September 21, 1804. He continued in office till he died, May 29, 1838, aged 60 years. He was small in stature and rather feeble, but he had a good mind and a warm heart. He spoke with great ease and earnestness. His last sickness was long and painful, which he bore with Christian patience.

Rev. Edward B. Emerson 1841-1843

Rev. Harley Goodwin of West Hartford graduated at Williams College in 1824, studied theology with Rev. C. Yale, and was ordained pastor of the church in New Marlborough, Mass. Jan'y 4, 1826. He was dismissed in 1837, preached at Warren, Ct. till 1844, was installed pastor of this church

November 11, 1845, and continued in office till he died in January, 1855, aged 57 years. He was a good man and a very acceptable preacher.

Candia, N.H. 1770

Rev. David Jewett graduated at Harvard in 1769 and was ordained in 1771. He was dismissed in 1780, installed at Winthrop, Me. January 2, 1782 and died in February, 1783, aged 34 years. His salary was fifty pounds, increased five pounds a year till it was sixty-five.

Rev. Joseph Prince 1782-89 (See Barrington)

Rev. Jesse Remington of Abington, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1784 and was ordained Oct. 20, 1790. He continued in office till he died, March 3, 1815, aged 55 years. He was a thorough man, devout, diligent and untiring in his efforts to do good. He abolished the "Half-way Covenant", which put his church upon a substantial basis. He was a solemn preacher and was himself much impressed with the truths he preached to others.

Rev. Isaac Jones 1816-1818

Rev. Abraham Wheeler of Holden, Mass. grad-

uated at Williams in 1810 and was pastor of a church in Fair Haven, Mass. from 1813 to 1818. He was installed pastor of this church Jan'y 13, 1819 and dismissed Oct. 29, 1832. He received to the church 160 persons while here in one year. In 1836 he removed to Ohio and became an Episcopalian. He became unable to preach after a few years, and, there being no Episcopal church in Grafton where he resided, he attended the Congregational church, sat in the pulpit with the pastor, and was esteemed for his piety and soundness in doctrine. He died there December 4, 1857, aged 78 years.

Rev. William Patrick of Warren, Mass. graduated at Williams College in 1799, studied theology with Dr. Backus of Somers, Ct., and was ordained Oct. 26, 1803 pastor of this church. He resigned in November, 1843 and continued to reside in the place. He died in Boscawen Oct. 24, 1862, aged 90 years. He married (1) Mary Gerrish of Boscawen, and (2) Margaret Mills of Dunbarton.

Canterbury, N.H. 1761

Rev. Abiel Foster of Andover, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1756 and was ordained Jan'y 21, 1761. He was dismissed in 1779 and became distinguished in civil life. He was a member of the Senate and President of the same, Chief Justice of the Court of Common Pleas of Rockingham Co., a delegate to Congress under the Confederation, and a member of Congress from 1789 to 1791, and from 1795 to 1803. He died at Canterbury in February, 1806, aged 71 years.

Rev. Frederic Parker of Shrewsbury, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1784, was ordained Jan'y 5, 1791, and continued in office till he died suddenly, April 21, 1802, in the 40th. year of his age.

Canterbury, Ct. June 13, 1711.

Rev. Samuel Estabrook was ordained the day the church was organized. He was son of Rev. Joseph Estabrook of Concord, Mass. and graduated at Harvard

in 1696. He married Rebecca, a daughter of Rev. Nehemiah Hobart of Newton, Mass. One of their sons, Hobart E., was pastor of a church in East Haddam, Ct. By his advice the church adopted the "Half-way Covenant", permitting moral persons to offer their children in baptism. He died in office June 26, 1727, aged 53 years. His wife died soon after.

Rev. John Wadsworth of Milton, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1723, was ordained Sept. 3, 1729, and was dismissed May 27, 1741 under the imputation of immoral conduct. He removed to his native place, preached occasionally, and is said to have died in his pulpit, of apoplexy, June 15, 1766, aged 63 years. He married Miss Abigail Sproat of Middleborough, Mass., by whom he had one child who died young. His salary was 110 pounds and 150 pounds settlement. The Rev. Mr. Fiske of Killingly preached his ordination sermon from Romans 10,-15.

Rev. James Cogswell of Saybrook spent the youthful period of his life in Lebanon, graduated at Yale in 1742, and was ordained Dec. 28, 1744.

Previous to his settlement the Great Awakening produced considerable excitement among the people. Mr. Cogswell was the favorite candidate of those who were opposed to the religious excitement. The council convened for his ordination consisted of fourteen pastors with their delegates; they were in session three days and his settlement resulted in a division of the church. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Solomon Williams of Lebanon. He was dismissed Nov. 5, 1771 and was pastor of the church in Scotland from 1772 to 1804, when he retired from pastoral duties, removed to Hartford and resided with his son, Dr. Mason F. Cogswell, who may be regarded as the founder of the asylum in that city for deaf mutes. He received the degree of D.D. from Yale. He was thrice married; (1) to Alice Fitch of Canterbury; (2) to the widow of Rev. Mr. Devotion who preceded him at Scotland; and (3) to widow Irene Heberd. He died at Hartford Jan'y 2, 1807, aged 87 years.

Rev. Solomon Morgan of Groton was not a graduate of any college. He was first settled at

Voluntown, pastor of a church that has since been dissolved and was there from 1772 to 1782. He was installed at Canterbury Sept. 30, 1783 and dismissed in March, 1797, in consequence of difficulties growing out of the unsettled state of religious opinions. He was soon settled in North Canaan, where he died Sept. 3, 1804, aged 60 years. He married a Widow Haskell, one of whose sons by her first husband was President of Vermont University.

Rev. George Leonard, who graduated at Dartmouth in 1805, was ordained Feb'y 3, 1808 and was dismissed August 29, 1810 because his doctrinal views were not satisfactory to the church. He became an Episcopalian and officiated as pastor of an Episcopal church in Windsor, Vt. He died of consumption while journeying for his health in June, 1834, aged 51 years.

Rev. Asa Meech of Preston was not a graduate of any college. He received the honorary degree of A.M. from Brown in 1807. He was first settled in North Bridgewater, Mass., Oct. 15,1800, and dismissed in 1811. He was installed pastor

of this church October 28, 1812 and dismissed in May, 1822. He removed to Canada West and died at Hull near the close of 1849, aged 74 years. He was thrice married. His second wife and several children were drowned soon after their arrival in Canada.

Rev. Thomas J. Murdock of Norwich, Vt. graduated at Dartmouth in 1812, was ordained at Portland, Me. colleague with Rev. Mr. Kellogg Sept. 29, 1819, and dismissed in 1821. He was installed here Nov. 20, 1822 and died Dec. 15, 1826, aged 36 years. He was much beloved by his people. He was thrice married and left one daughter, who has since died.

Rev. James R. Wheelock of Hanover, N.H. was grandson of the first president of Dartmouth College, where he graduated in 1807, and studied law. He afterwards studied theology and was ordained at Newport, N.H. Dec. 2, 1818. He was dismissed Feb'y 21, 1823, was pastor at Lancaster, N.H. from 1824 to 1825, installed at this place

Dec. 20, 1827 and dismissed April 8, 1829. He resided for a time at Westfield, Mass. while an agent of the Home Missionary Society. He then went to Indiana as a missionary and returned in 1836 with impaired health, and was settled in Barre, Vt. Here he was broken up by afflictions which impaired his reason. He died in Boston Nov. 26, 1841, aged 51 years. He was twice married and left four or five children by his first wife, who died at the West.

Rev. Dennis Platt 1830-1833

Rev. Otis C. Whiton of Winchendon, Mass. graduated at Dartmouth in 1815, was ordained at North Yarmouth in Maine February 18, 1818 and dismissed July 17, 1822. He was installed at Troy, N.H. in Jan'y, 1825 and at Westmoreland May 21, 1828. He was installed here June 20, 1833 and dismissed Jan'y 17, 1837. In June following he was settled at Scotland, then a parish in Windham and being dismissed in 1841, he removed to Harrisville, N.H., where he died suddenly October 17 of that year, aged 51. He was twice married and left no children.

Note. During the ministry of Mr. Cogswell a party claiming to be the majority separated from the church and society, took with them the records and a part of the communion furniture, and in 1746 built a house of worship. They rejected the Saybrook Platform and the authority of consociations.

Rev. Solomon Payne of Eastham, Mass., not a graduate of any college, was ordained pastor of this church Sept. 10, 1746. He continued in office till he died, October 25, 1754, aged 56 years. He married (1) Sarah Carver; and (2) Priscilla Fitch.

Rev. Joseph Marshall of Windsor, not a graduate of any college, was ordained April 18, 1759 and dismissed August 29, 1768. He went to Vermont and died at Starksborough Feb'y 13, 1813, aged 82 years. He was respected for his piety, but his usefulness was diminished by his eccentricity.

Canterbury, Ct., Westminster, Nov. 20, 1770

Rev. John Staples of Taunton, Mass. graduated at Princeton in 1765 and was ordained April 17, 1772. He continued in office till he died, Feb'y 15, 1804, aged 60 years. He married Susan Perkins of Lisbon

and had eleven children, most of whom died young. He was sound in doctrine, a useful minister, though not an eloquent preacher.

Rev. Erastus Larned of New Braintree, Mass. graduated at Brown in 1795, and was pastor of the church in Charlton, Mass. from 1796 to 1802. He was installed here Feb'y 6, 1805 and continued in office till he died, June 30, 1824, aged 49 years. He married (1) Freelove Wilkinson of Rhode Island, by whom he had nine children; and (2) Susan Bacon of Canterbury, by whom he had four children. He was an animated and acceptable preacher.

Rev. Israel G. Rose 1825 to 1831 (See Chesterfield)

Rev. Asa King 1833 to 1849 (See Killingworth)

Rev. Reuben S. Hazen 1849 to 1864 (See Agawam)

Canton, Mass. October 30, 1717

This was at first a parish of Dorchester and was called Dorchester Village.

Rev. Joseph Morse of Medfield graduated at Harvard in 1695, and preached here about eleven years prior to the organization of the church. He was ordained the day it was organized, resigned June 14,

1726, but continued to reside in the place till he died, November, 1732, aged 61 years.

Rev. Samuel Dunbar of Boston graduated at Harvard in 1723, was ordained Nov. 15, 1727, and continued here till his death, June 15, 1783, aged 79 years. He was never absent from the house of God during his long ministry in consequence of ill health. He was a warm and decided friend of the liberties of his country; was chaplain in the expedition to Crown Point in 1755. He did much to encourage his people during the war. The last public service he performed was to offer a prayer at the thanksgiving for peace. He had a critical knowledge of Latin, Greek and Hebrew. He relinquished a portion of his salary during the Revolutionary War. He had a powerful voice and spoke as one having authority. He published two sermons.

Rev. Zachariah Howard of North Bridgewater graduated at Harvard in 1784 and was ordained October 25, 1786. He continued in office till he died Sept. 18, 1806, aged 48 years.

Rev. William Ritchie 1807-1820(See Needham)

Canton, Mass. Evangelical Church, July, 1828

Canton, Ct. 1750

This was a parish of Simsbury and called West Simsbury till 1806.

Rev. Evander Morrison, a Scotchman, was pastor of this church from May, 1750 to April, 1751. It is not known what became of him.

Rev. Gideon Mills of Windsor graduated at Yale in 1737, and was pastor of the church in Simsbury from September, 1744 to September, 1754. He was installed pastor of this church in 1759, and continued in office till he died of a cancer, August 3, 1772, aged 57 years. He would not encumber himself with worldly affairs and would not cultivate the soil to increase his means of support. He married Elizabeth Higley and had five children.

Rev. Seth Sage graduated at Yale in 1768, was ordained in 1774 and dismissed in 1778. The next notice I find of him is in 1300, on a farm in Windsor, N.Y. He preached in that region six or seven years and died in 1821, aged about 75 years.

Rev. Jeremiah Hallock of Brookhaven, L.I. was not a graduate of any college. His father removed to Goshen, Mass. when he was young. He fitted for college and studied theology in part with Dr. West of Stockbridge. He was ordained October 26, 1785 and continued in office till he died, June 23, 1826, aged 68 years. He was a simple, faithful, scriptural and successful preacher. His Memoir is published by the American Tract Society. He married Miss Mercy Humphrey of Canton, by whom he had several children, one of whom was a judge in Ohio.

"To wake the slumbering conscience, to direct
The inquiring sinner, the converted feed,
Deep was his skill and wondrous in effect."

Rev. Jairus Burt of Southampton, Mass. graduated at Amherst in 1824. He was in the thirtieth year of his age when he graduated. He had been married, but his wife dying soon after, he became hopefully pious and, relinquishing his secular business, resolved to preach the Gospel. He was ordained December 20, 1826 and continued

in office till he died, Jan'y 15, 1857, aged 61 years. He was brother of the Rev. Sylvester Burt of Great Barrington, Mass. and of Rev. Federal Burt of Durham, N.H. He was a man of devoted piety and a lover of freedom. He left a wife, but his children went to the grave before him.

Cape Elizabeth, Maine, 1734.

This church became extinct in the latter part of the last century and was reorganized in 1801.

Rev. Benjamin Allen 1734-1754(See Bridgewater)

Rev. Ephraim Clark of Tisbury, Martha's Vineyard, was not a graduate of any college. There was great opposition to his settlement, but notwithstanding its violence he persisted in being installed, and was so May 20, 1756. The church being refused, he was installed in the open air. His friends were as ardent as his opponents. A day of fasting was observed previous to his settlement, on which occasion there was riot and disturbance; 24 persons were taken up and lodged in jail. The controversy was kept up many years, but he outlived it, survived it, and died after a ministry of forty years without a stain upon his character. He died December 11, 1797, aged

75 years, leaving no children. He was a man of moderate ability, but a pious and useful minister.

Rev. William Gregg of Londonderry, N.H. graduated at Dartmouth in 1787 and was ordained July 16, 1801. He was dismissed November 6, 1806, and reinstalled over the same church Jan'y 31, 1816 and dismissed again March 4, 1824. Between the times of his graduation and ordination he was employed in teaching, first in his native place and afterwards at Portland. In the interim between his dismission and resettlement at Cape Elizabeth he was principal of an academy, first at Portland and then at Limerick. After his second dismission he purchased a farm in Freeport, where he resided till 1832, when he removed to Andover, where his sons resided and where he died, December 27, 1856, aged 92 years. He studied theology with Rev. James Miltimore in his native town.

Carlisle, Mass. Feb'y 28, 1781

Rev. Paul Litchfield of Scituate graduated at Harvard in 1775, studied theology with Dr. West of Stockbridge, and was ordained November

7, 1781. He continued in office till he died, November 5, 1827, aged 76 years. He was a man of decision, firmness and sound judgment. He took a lively interest in revivals of religion and the prosperity of Zion was dear to his heart. He left a legacy to the Massachusetts Missionary Society and the only sermon he published was preached before that society. He married Mary Bailey, by whom he had seven children. After his death the majority of the parish refused to concur with the majority of the church in the settlement of an orthodox minister.

The church withdrew from the society and settled

Rev. Abel Patten of Billerica, who graduated at Dartmouth in 1827 and at Andover in 1830. He was ordained as an evangelist in Hopkinton February 7, 1832 and was pastor of this church from May 22, 1833 to September 29, 1835. He was pastor of Monument church in Sandwich from Dec. 16, 1835 to 1837. After this he preached as stated supply in New Hampshire, in Marlboro, Wilmington, and other

places in Vermont. He died in Lowell Feb'y 23, 1864, aged 58 years.

Rev. Preserved Smith of Winchester, N.H. graduated at Amherst in 1831 and was pastor of the church in Pittsfield, N.H. from June, 1832 to 1836. He was installed pastor of this church August 31, 1836. His health failed in 1844, but he was not dismissed till 1846. He died in Philadelphia December 29, 1853, aged 54 years. He sustained an unblemished character as a Christian and as a minister.

Rev. S. W. Bannister 1847-1852(See Ware)

Rev. John Lawrence 1853-1859

Rev. Josiah Ballard 1859-63(See Chesterfield)

Carmel, Maine, May 5, 1853.

Carver, Mass. May 13, 1733.

Rev. Othniel Campbell of Norton, graduated at Harvard in 1728 and was ordained May 13, 1733. He was thirty years old when he entered college. He was dismissed September 16, 1746 "for giving way to itinerants." It was thought he was dealt hardly by, for he was an honest and good man. He was installed pastor of the church at Tiverton,

R.I., October 1, 1746 and continued there till his death October 15, 1778, aged 82 years. He married Catherine, sister of Rev. Samuel Willard of Biddeford, Maine.

Rev. John Howland of Barnstable graduated at Harvard in 1741 and was ordained September 24, 1746. He was an exemplary pastor, a man of humble desires, of primitive simplicity and of a cheerful and hospitable disposition. He died November 17, 1804, aged 82 years.

Rev. John Shaw of Abington graduated at Brown in 1805 and was ordained October 7, 1807. He was dismissed November 15, 1815, installed pastor of the Second Church in Middleborough July 21, 1819, and dismissed April 23, 1834.

Rev. Plummer Chase of Newbury graduated at Bowdoin in 1821, at Andover in 1824, and was installed at Carver October 15, 1828. He was dismissed in 1835 and removed to his native place, where he died Sept. 17, 1837, aged 43 years.

Castine, Maine, October, 1793.

Rev. William Mason of Rowley, Mass.

graduated at Harvard in 1792 and was ordained at the time the church was organized. He was dismissed in April, 1834 and removed to Bangor, where he died in 1847, aged about 77 years.

This church became Unitarian after the dismission of Mr. Mason.

Castine, Me., Trinity Church, 1820

Rev. John Crosby of Bangor graduated at Bowdoin in 1823 and at Andover in 1827. He was ordained June 11, 1828 and dismissed May 3, 1832. He died in 1833, aged 30 years.

Castleton, Vt. 1784

Rev. Mathias Cazier of Newcastle, Del. graduated at Nassau Hall in 1785, studied theology with Dr. Witherspoon, and was ordained pastor of this church September 4, 1789. He was dismissed Dec. 13, 1792, though he continued to supply the pulpit two or three years after his dismission. He went to Prescott, Mass. and was the pastor of that church for a short time. He adopted afterwards some peculiar views, disowned all churches, and set up for himself. He went

to western New York, where he died in May, 1837, aged 77 years.

Rev. Elihu Smith of Granby, Mass. graduated at Dartmouth in 1801, studied theology with Dr. Backus of Somers, Ct., and was pastor of this church from Jan'y 17, 1804 to Nov. 1, 1826. He was pastor of the church in Chesterfield, N.H. from 1832 to 1835. He preached as stated supply in various places. The last ten years of his life were spent in Pomfret, Vt. He died at West Hartford, Vt. October 12, 1857, aged 80 years. He was an able and successful minister.

Cavendish, Vt. 1822

Chaplin, Ct. 1780

This town was incorporated in 1822 and is made up of territory taken from Mansfield, Hampton and Windham. A church was gathered in 1780 in that part of Windham that is now included in Chaplin and had one minister.

Rev. John Storrs of Mansfield graduated at Yale in 1756, was tutor at Yale in 1761-2, was or-

dained at Southold, L.I. August 15, 1763 and dismissed April 13, 1787. He was absent from his parish from 1776 to 1782, a part of which time he served as chaplain in the army. After leaving Southold he resided in Mansfield and officiated as pastor of this church till he died, October 9, 1799, aged 64 years. By his first wife, who was daughter of Hon. Shubael Conant and widow of Dr. Samuel Howe, he had one son, who was Rev. Richard S. Storrs of Longmeadow.

The present church, organized May 31, 1810.

Rev. Jared Andrus of Bolton was not a graduate of any college. He became hopefully pious at the age of 30, studied theology with his pastor, Rev. P. Parmalee, and was ordained pastor of this church Dec. 27, 1820. He was dismissed in May, 1830, installed at North Madison June 31, 1832, and died November 11 of the same year of a disease of the kidneys, aged 48 years. He married Sarah Ann Hough, who died the next year.

Charlemont, Mass. 1767

Rev. Jonathan Leavitt of Suffield, Ct.

graduated at Yale in 1758, was ordained at Walpole, N.H. May 27, 1761, and dismissed at the expiration of two years. He was installed here in 1767, and dismissed in 1775. He continued to reside in the same spot till he died, Sept. 9, 1802, aged 71 years.

He lived in that part of Charlemont that in 1785 became Heath. He married Miss Sarah Hooker of Farmington, Ct., by whom he had eleven sons and one daughter. Rev. Joshua Leavitt, office agent of the Independent, is his grandson. Mr. Leavitt married for his second wife the widow of Rev. Jonathan Ashley of Deerfield. He was a man of talent, hospitable, social and Christian in his deportment. He was sound in his theology, but his prayers were long and his sermons dry.

This church became extinct after Mr. Leavitt was dismissed, and what is now called the West Church was organized June 6, 1788.

Rev. Isaac Babbitt of Easton, Ct. graduated at Dartmouth in 1783, studied theology with Dr. Burroughs of Hanover, N.H., and was ordained

Feb'y 24, 1796. He was dismissed June 7, 1798. He married Miss Prudence May of Goshen, where he preached a while after leaving Charlemont. He removed to the state of New York about 1801 and gave his attention to agriculture. He died at Seneca Falls August 8, 1833, aged 76.

He was a modest, sober, pious man and was strictly Calvinistic. He was not an interesting preacher. He had a habit of hemming, by reason of a tickling in his throat, that made his delivery unpleasant. He had seven children. One of his sons is a minister in Illinois.

Rev. Joseph Field 1799-1823

Rev. Wales Tileston of Williamsburg pursued his collegiate studies at Williams, but graduated at Union in 1822. He studied theology at Andover in part and in part with Dr. Burton of Thetford, Vt. He was ordained March 16, 1825 and dismissed March 22, 1837. From 1838 to 1840 he was pastor of a church in Nunda, N.Y. He removed to Rockford, Ill. in 1844 and to Galesburg in 1849, where he died of dropsy Feb'y 22, 1851,

aged 59 years. He was a good man but not a profound scholar; he was sound in doctrine and correct in practice. He was twice married; first to Miss Rebecca Gookin, and second to a Miss Clapp of Greenfield. He had nine children.

Charlemont, Mass., East Church, August 6, 1845

Charleston, Vt. 1844

Charlestown, N.H. Dec. 4, 1754.

Rev. John Dennis of Ipswich, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1730 and was ordained Dec. 4, 1754. The ordination service was performed at Northfield, Mass. on account of the Indian war. He was dismissed March 31, 1756, having been settled but little more than a year. The council that dismissed him met in Deerfield, Mass. for fear of the Indians. He was pastor at Harwich, Mass. from 1756 to 1760. He died September 3, 1773, aged 65.

Rev. Bulkely Olcott of Bolton, Ct. graduated

at Yale in 1758 and was ordained May 28, 1761. At the time of his ordination the church was reorganized. Mr. Olcott was appointed a Trustee of Dartmouth College in 1783, which office he held till he died, June 26, 1792, aged 58 years. He was a man of respectable talents, an acceptable preacher and a useful pastor. The church remained 17 years without a pastor, during which time Universalism gained a foot-hold in the place. He married Martha, daughter of Col. Seth Pomeroy of Northampton.

The pastor and a majority of the church having embraced Unitarianism, a new church was organized August 1, 1835.

Charlestown, Mass. November 2, 1632.

A church was previously organized in this place, but it was removed to Boston October 14, 1632, and this was composed of 33 members dismissed from that.

Rev. Thomas James was a minister in England and came to this country June 5, 1632.

He is supposed to have been ordained the day the church was organized. He was dismissed in 1636 on account of an unhappy disaffection towards him by the teacher, Rev. Mr. Symmes, and a majority of the brethren. He removed to New Haven, Ct. and resided there as a planter till 1642, when he went to Virginia with Messrs. Thompson and Knowles, but being driven away on account of their refusal to adopt the Episcopal service, he went to England, was settled at Needham, ejected in 1662, and died in 1678, aged 86 years. His remains were not allowed to be buried in the church yard. He was a good man, but subject to melancholy and "full of causeless jealousies."

Rev. Zechariah Symmes of England graduated at Cambridge and came to America in September, 1634. He was ordained teacher December 22 of that year and pastor in 1636. He died Feb'y 4, 1670 in the 71st. year of his age. He had thirteen children. The following lines are on his tombstone:

"A prophet lies under this stone.
His words shall live, though he be gone."

Rev. John Harvard came to this country in 1637 and in September of that year became a member of the church in Charlestown. He assisted Mr. Symmes and is on the list of the ministers of that church, though there is no record of his ordination. He graduated at Cambridge, England in 1631 and died of consumption July 14, 1638, leaving one-half of his estate for the founding of a college. The sum given was seven hundred and seventy-nine pounds, which laid the foundation of the university that bears his name.

Rev. Thomas Allen was a minister in England, a graduate of Cambridge, silenced in 1636 for not reading the Book of Sports; came to Boston in 1638, was admitted to the church in Charlestown December 22, 1639, and ordained soon after. He continued here till 1652, when he returned to England, was again settled at Norwich, his former parish and, though ejected in 1662, he continued to preach as he found opportunity till his death, which occurred September 21, 1673, aged 65 years. He was the author of "A Chain of Scripture

Chronology" and of some other books. He was a pious man and greatly beloved.

Rev. Thomas Shepard, son of Rev. Thomas Shepard of Cambridge, graduated at Harvard in 1653 and was ordained April 13, 1659. He died of the smallpox, which he took from one of his parishioners whom he visited at his request, December 22, 1677, in the 43rd. year of his age. At the next commencement President Oakes spoke of him in a Latin oration as holding the first rank among the ministers of that day. His epitaph speaks of him as "a mirror of virtues," "a magazine of arts", Charlestown's glory" and "New England's pride". He married Hannah Tyng and had four children.

Rev. Thomas Shepard, Jr., the son of the preceding, graduated at Harvard in 1676 and was ordained pastor of the church vacated by the death of his father May 5, 1680. He was taken sick June 5, 1685 with something resembling bilious colic and died Sabbath evening, June 7, aged 27. He was a popular and successful preacher.

He commenced the preparing of his sermons with prayer and reading the text in the original. He was in the habit of preaching several sermons from the same text Just before his death he preached thirteen discourses from Ecclesiastes 12-5, "Man goeth to his long home". He married Widow Mary(Anderson) Lynde and had two children.

Rev. Charles Morton was educated at Oxford, England. He was at first a zealous Conformist, but became a Puritan and as such preached at Blisland in Cornwall. He was among those ejected in 1662 and in 1666 he established an academy at Newington Green, near London, which he conducted for about 20 years, till he was forced to relinquish teaching as well as preaching, on account of his Puritanism. Daniel De Foe, author of"Robinson Crusoe", and Gov. Shute of Massachusetts were among his pupils. He came to this country in July, 1686 and was installed pastor of the church in Charlestown November 5 of that year. He was installed that is, he was inducted into office without the

laying on of hands. Not many, if any, were installed before him. The idea that one ordination is sufficient is supposed to have been introduced by some of the ministers that came to this country after their ejectment in 1662.

He was a man of learning and expected to be President of Harvard College. He gave lectures to the students for some time at his own house. There seems to have been some rivalship between him and some of the friends of the college, and a little jealousy. He wrote a system of Logic which was copied by the classes. His publications were numerous, though generally brief. He thought a great book was a great evil. The title of one of his publications was "The Little Peace Maker". He died April 11, 1698, in the 72nd. year of his age. He married Ann Cooper and had eight children.

Rev. Simon Bradstreet, son of Rev. Simon Bradstreet of New London, Ct. and grandson of Gov. Bradstreet of Massachusetts, graduated at Harvard in 1693. He was a learned man; a friend intro-

duced him to Gov. Burnet by saying,- "Here is a man that can whistle Greek". He was ordained October 26, 1698. He was possessed of a strong mind, a tenacious memory and lively imagination. He was a melancholy man and dwelt in his sermons much upon the wretched state of man and the vanity of the world. He was afraid to preach some years before he died. He departed this life December 31, 1741, aged 72 years. He married Mary Long, by whom he had five children, one a minister.

Rev. Joseph Stevens of Andover graduated at Harvard in 1703 and was ordained October 13, 1713. His ministry was short; he died of small pox, which was then very prevalent in Boston and vicinity, November 16, 1721, aged 40 years. His only daughter and a sister of his wife, victims of the same disease, were buried with him in the same tomb. His last sermon, entitled "Another and better Country", was published. He was father of Rev. Benjamin Stevens, D.D. of Kittery, Me., and grandfather of Dr. Buckminster of Portsmouth, N.H.

Rev. Hull Abbot of Boston graduated at

Harvard in 1720 and was ordained February 5, 1724. He preached the Dudleian Lectures in 1764 and the artillery election sermon in 1735. Several of his sermons were published. He died April 18, 1774, aged 72 years. His son Thomas was minister of Roxbury. He married Mary, daughter of Rev. Simon Bradstreet.

Rev. Thomas Prentice of Cambridge graduated at Harvard in 1726. He was pastor at Kennebunkport, Me. from 1730 to 1738 and was installed at Charlestown in October, 1739. When the British burned Charlestown in 1775 he retired to Cambridge, returned three years after and preached till he died, June 17, 1782, aged 80 years. He was buried at Charlestown.

Rev. Joshua Paine, son of Rev. Joshua Paine of Sturbridge, graduated at Harvard in 1784 and was ordained January 10, 1787. He was the first minister settled there after the burning of the town by the British. His ministry was short. He died Feb'y 27, 1788, aged 25 years.

Rev. Jedediah Morse of Woodstock, Ct. grad-

uated at Yale in 1783 and was ordained pastor April 30, 1789. He devoted much time in college and during the six years previous to his settlement at Charlestown to the study of Geography. In 1784 he published a 12mo volume, the material for which he collected with great labor. In 1789 he published an 8vo volume, which in subsequent editions became two large volumes.

He preached for a while in Midway, Ga. previous to his going to Charlestown. Mr. Morse was a man of great industry and left his mark upon the age in which he lived. He was a man of progress. He published the pamphlet by which the existence of Unitarianism in Massachusetts was brought distinctly to light. His publications are numerous, consisting of sermons, geographies,gazetteers and controversies. He is believed to have been the originator of the Boston Recorder, the first religious newspaper ever published. He was dismissed Feb'y 22, 1820 and was employed by the government to visit the various Indian tribes, respecting whom he made a voluminous report. He died

at New Haven June 9, 1826, aged 65.

Rev. Warren Fay 1820-1839 (See Harvard)

Charlestown, Mass. Winthrop Ch. Jan'y 9, 1833

Rev. Daniel Crosby, 1833-1841 (See Conway)

Rev. John Humphrey, son of Rev. Heman Humphrey, D.D., was born in Fairfield, Ct., graduated at Amherst in 1835, was tutor two years, completed the theological course at Andover in 1841 and was ordained in November, 1842. In the spring of 1847 he was obliged to resign on account of ill health. Having regained his health in some degree, he was installed at Binghampton, N.Y. in 1849, but was obliged to resign in the spring of 1854. He went to England and returned in June very feeble. He had received and accepted an appointment to a professorship in Hamilton College, but was unable to enter upon the duties of the office. He died at his father's house in Pittsfield December 2, 1854, in the 38th. year of his age. He was a man of talent and died in peace.

Charlotte, Vermont, Jan'3, 1792

Rev. Daniel O. Gillet graduated at Dartmouth in 1787 and was ordained Jan'y 4, 1792. He was dismissed in 1799 and died in 1823, aged 63 years.

Rev. Truman Baldwin, 1807-1815

Rev. Calvin Yale, 1820-1833

Rev. William Eaton, 1834 (See Hardwick)

Rev. Eldred W. Goodman, 1837-1845 * Possibly "Eldad"

Charlton, Mass. April, 1761

Rev. Caleb Curtis graduated at Princeton, N. J. in 1757 and was ordained October 15, 1761. He was dismissed August 29, 1776, but continued to reside in the place and represented the town in the Provincial Congress.

Rev. Archibald Campbell, son of Rev. Mr. Campbell of Oxford, graduated at Harvard in 1761 and was pastor of the church in Easton from August, 1763 to August, 1782. He was pastor of this church from Jan'y, 1783 to April, 1793.

Rev. Erastus Larned, 1796-1802 (See Canterbury, Ct.)

Rev. Edwards Whipple of New Braintree

graduated at Williams College in 1801 and was ordained January 25, 1804. He was dismissed in 1821 and installed at Shrewsbury September 26 the same year. He died of fever September 17, 1822, aged 44 years. He was an able, faithful and devoted minister.

Rev. John Wilder, son of Rev. Mr. Wilder of Attleborough, graduated at Brown in 1822 and was ordained pastor of this church June 5, 1827. He was dismissed in 1833 and installed at Concord August 7 of the same year. In 1839 he thought it his duty to go West. He was dismissed, visited Michigan, preached there till his health failed, and in 1842 he returned and died at Cambridge Port in March, 1844, of lung fever, aged 48 years. He studied theology at Newport, R.I. with Dr. Austin. He was a good man and much esteemed.

Chatham, Mass. June 15, 1720.

Rev. Joseph Lord of Charlestown graduated at Harvard in 1691 and was ordained in 1695 at Dorchester pastor of a church that was organized there and removed immediately to Dorchester, S.C.

He continued there till 1719, when he returned North and was installed pastor of this church the day it was organized. He was a rigid disciplinian, extending his censures as well as his watch to baptized children. He died June 6, 1748, aged about 77 years. He married Abigail, daughter of Gov. Thomas Hinckley and had 8 children.

Rev. Stephen Emery of Exeter, N.H. graduated at Harvard in 1730 and was pastor of the church in Nottingham, N.H. from 1742 to 1749, and of this church from 1749 till his death, May 18, 1782, aged 70 years.

Rev. Thomas Roby, son of Rev. Joseph Roby of Saugus, graduated at Harvard in 1779 and was ordained October 22, 1783. He was dismissed October 22, 1795 at his own request and installed at Otisfield, Me. January 23, 1797. He was again dismissed September 4, 1810 and resided in Harrison, a town adjoining, where he died April 24, 1836, aged 77 years.

Rev. Ephraim Briggs, son of Rev. Ephraim Briggs of Halifax, graduated at Harvard in 1791 and was ordained in 1796. He died in office July

22, 1816.

Rev. Stetson Raymond of Middleborough graduated at Brown University in 1814 and was ordained pastor of this church April 9, 1817. He was dismissed June 24, 1829. He was pastor of the church at Assonet, a village in Freetown, from 1829 to 1836, and of Scotland parish in Bridgewater from 1836 to 1851. He continued to reside in Bridgewater till he died, December 21, 1864, aged 77 years.

He studied theology with Rev. Otis Thompson and Dr. Emmons. He married Deborah Loud of Weymouth and left four children.

Chatham, Ct. (Middle Haddam) Sept. 24, 1740

Rev. Benjamin Bowers of Billerica, Mass. graduated at Harvard in 1733 and was ordained the day the church was organized. He is said to have been a pious and faithful minister, and died in office May 11, 1761, aged 45 years.

Rev. Benjamin Boardman, a native of the Westfield parish in Middletown, graduated

at Yale in 1758 and was a Dean Scholar and tutor. He was ordained January 5, 1762. In 1775 he went as chaplain to a company of cavalry. After his return some difficulties arose in the parish which resulted in his dismission in 1783. He was installed pastor of the South Church in Hartford May 5, 1784 and died there February 13, 1802, aged 70 years.

Rev. David Selden of Haddam graduated at Yale in 1782, studied theology with Rev. Dr. Lockwood of Andover, was ordained October 19, 1785, and died in office highly esteemed by his people and brethren in the ministry, January 18, 1825, aged 64 years. He married Eleanor May of Haddam and had seven children.

Chatham, Ct., Second Church, Feb'y 1, 1855.

" " East Hampton Parish, Nov. 30, 1748

Rev. John Norton, 1748-1778(See Bernardston)

Rev. Lemuel Parsons of Durham graduated at Yale in 1773, was ordained Feb'y 10, 1779, and died in office in February, 1791, aged 37 years.

Rev. Joel West of Lebanon graduated at Dartmouth in 1789 and was ordained October 17, 1792. He died October 26, 1826, aged 60 years.

Rev. Timothy Stone of Lebanon fitted for college and by reason of ill health abandoned his purpose and studied the art of painting with the celebrated Trumbull. Afterwards becoming pious, he resolved to preach the Gospel, studied with President Dwight and lived in his family. He was ordained pastor of the church in South Cornwall November 10, 1803, received the degree of A.M. at Yale in 1804, was dismissed in 1827 and installed over this church June 4, 1828. He was dismissed February 7, 1832, returned with his family to South Cornwall, where he died April 14, 1852, aged 78 years.

Rev. Samuel J. Curtiss 1832 to 1837

Rev. Rufus Smith of Chaplin was a physician and practiced medicine in Griswold, but having become pious he studied theology and was pastor of this church from September, 1838 to June, 1845. After this he removed to East Hartford and died

there in November, 1862.

Chelmsford, Mass. October 8, 1644

This church was gathered at Wenham and in 1655 the majority of the church, with the pastor, removed to this place.

Rev. John Fisk was born in the county of Suffolk in England in 1601 and graduated at Cambridge University. His father was a Puritan who was much persecuted; he died in 1636. He left considerable property. After his death John, with his wife, mother, two sisters and a brother, came to America. They arrived at Salem in 1637. His mother died on the passage. He brought with him a good supply of farming tools and a three years' supply of provisions. He remained at Salem about three years, preaching occasionally and teaching. He removed to Wenham about 1642 and when the church was organized he was chosen pastor. He studied medicine in England when he found he could not preach there and was licensed to practice. After his removal to Chelmsford he was both the minister and physician, and being at a

great distance from any other settlement, his labors were very arduous. He wrote a catechism for his flock entitled "The Olive Branch Watered". In 1671 his wife died who, Mather says, was his concordance, for she was so well versed in the Scriptures that she could readily tell where any text could be found. In the latter part of his life he was afflicted with the stone and the gout, which were followed by convulsions of which he died, Jan'y 14, 1676, aged 75 years. He was a plain, able, useful minister of the Gospel; he expounded a great part of the Bible to his people and often explained one or two questions in the Assembly's Catechism before he commenced his sermon in the afternoon. Rev. Moses Fisk of Braintree was his son.

Rev. Thomas Clark was a native of Boston and graduated at Harvard in 1670. He was ordained at Chelmsford in 1677. His second wife was the daughter of Rev. Samuel Whiting of Billerica. Very little is known of him. Almost the only monument of his past existence that has survived the ravages

of time is his tombstone, from which we learn that he was a faithful pastor and died in the hope of a glorious resurrection December 7, 1704, in the 52nd. year of his age.

Rev. Samson Stoddard was a native of Boston and graduated at Harvard in 1701. He was consecrated to the pastoral office July 25, 1706. His health was delicate and his habits sedentary. He was inclined to seclude himself from society and subject to a depression of spirits. The expenses of his family, to which his salary was inadequate, obliged him to teach school. The mortification and perplexity which his poverty occasioned overcame his fortitude and impaired his health. For three years he was unable to discharge the duties of his office and finally died August 23, 1740 in the 60th. year of his age. He was a nephew of Rev. Solomon Stoddard of Northampton.

Rev. Ebenezer Bridge was born in Boston and graduated at Harvard at the age of 17 in 1736. He taught school at Plymouth after leaving college. He was ordained at Chelmsford May

20, 1741 and married a daughter of his predecessor.

His stature was large and commanding and his manners grave and dignified. He possessed great social powers, which made him a very agreeable companion. As the head of a family he was strict and rigid in exacting obedience to established regulations. His passions were strong and quick. In the pulpit he was animated and solemn, his voice clear and sonorous. On all special occasions he was peculiarly appropriate. His sermons were written in a diffuse and negligent style. He was invited to preach on public occasions. He was a strenuous advocate for liberty of conscience and yet a bitter enemy to all sectarians. He opposed the religious excitement occasioned by Whitfield's labors and was greatly annoyed by the lay exhorters of those days. The church disciplined those members that manifested the zeal and ardor that the preaching of Whitfield inspired. He died October 1, 1792, aged 78 years.

Rev. Hezekiah Packard of North Bridgewater graduated at Harvard in 1787, studied theology at

Cambridge and was ordained October 18, 1793. He was dismissed in August, 1802 and installed at Wiscasset, Maine September 2 of the same year. He was dismissed at his own request August 5, 1830 and installed over the North Congregational Society in Chelmsford in December of the same year. This new society was gathered out of the Second Society after the Orthodox Congregational Church had withdrawn from it. Mr. Packard received the degree of D.D. from Harvard. He died in Salem April 25, 1849, aged 87 years. He embraced Unitarian sentiments.

Chelmsford, Mass. North Church April 27, 1824

In 1830, the Society being opposed to orthodox preaching, the church separated from the parish.

Chelsea, Mass. October 19, 1715

Rev. Thomas Cheever 1715-1749 (See Malden)

Rev. William McClanathan 1748-54 (See Blandford)

Rev. Phillips Payson, son of Rev. P. Payson of Walpole, graduated at Harvard in 1754

and was ordained October 26, 1757. He continued in office till he died, January 11, 1801, aged 64 years. He was a good scholar. He preached an Election sermon, the Dudleian Lecture, a Convention sermon, and published six other discourses. He received the degree of D.D. from Harvard in 1800, and was a member of A. A. S.

Rev. Joseph Tuckerman of Boston graduated at Harvard in 1798 and was pastor of this church from 1801 to 1826. He resigned on account of ill health and till he died, April 20, 1840 aged 62 years, was minister at large in Boston. He received the degree of D.D. from Harvard in 1824. This church is now Unitarian.

Chelsea, Mass. Winnisimmet Church, Sept. 20, 1841
" " Broadway Church, April 2, 1851
" " Plymouth Church, Jan'y 7, 1857

Chelsea, Vermont 1789

Rev. Lathrop Thompson graduated at Dartmouth in 1786 and was pastor of the church in Sharon from December 3,1788 to March 26, 1793. He was installed

pastor of this church in November, 1799 and dismissed in 1810. He was next pastor of the church in Southold, L.I. from 1810 to 1826, when he returned to Chelsea and lived with his son-in-law, Rev. Calvin Noble, till he died in July, 1843, aged 82 years. He was born in Farmington, Ct., but his father soon after removed to Windsor, Vt. He studied theology with Dr. Burton. He was married four times.

Rev. Calvin Noble of New Milford, Ct. graduated at Middlebury in 1805, studied theology with Dr. Burton, and was pastor of this church from September, 1807 till he died, in April, 1834, aged 57 years. He married a daughter of his predecessor and was a useful and much respected minister.

Cherryfield, Maine, October 20, 1833.

Cheshire, Ct. 1723

This was a parish of Wallingford till 1780.

Rev. Samuel Hall graduated at Yale in

1716 and was two years a tutor in the college. He was ordained in December, 1724 and continued in office till he died, Feb'y 26, 1776, aged 80 years. He preached the Election sermon in 1746 and published two sermons. His daughter Ann married Rev. Wareham Williams of Northford.

Rev. John Foot graduated at Yale in 1765 and was ordained as colleague pastor in March, 1767. He continued in office till he died, August 30, 1813, aged 72 years. He was a native of Branford.

Rev. Humphrey M. Perrine graduated at New Jersey College in 1808 and was tutor one year. He was pastor of this church from June,1813 to April 1816. He removed to New Jersey and was a member of Newark Presbytery. He died at Newark in 1849, aged about 63 years.

Rev. Roger Hitchcock of Cheshire was not a graduate of any college. He was an active and gifted member of the church and, having faithfully discharged the duties of a deacon, he was ordained pastor in September, 1820, and died Jan'y 30, 1823,

aged 57 years.

Rev. Joseph Whiting of Milford graduated at Yale in 1823, studied theology at New Haven and was ordained October 24, 1827. He resigned his charge in December, 1836, settled in Cleveland, Ohio, and was subsequently professor in the University of Michigan and died at Ann Arbor in 1843, aged 45 years.

Chester, Vt. 1773

Rev. Samuel Whiting of Franklin, Mass., graduated at Harvard in 1769 and was ordained pastor of this church and that of Rockingham. He was to preach here five years. From 1778 to 1809 he was pastor of the church in Rockingham. He died in 1819, aged 70 years.

After Mr. Whiting ceased to preach in Chester the pulpit was supplied by Ezekiel Colburn, who graduated at Dartmouth in 1779, studied theology, but was never ordained. He became a farmer, though he supplied the pulpit some years.

Rev. Mr. Sargent of Woburn, Mass., resided here and preached in this and neighboring churches.

Rev. Uzziah C. Burnap 1825-37 (See Lowell)

Rev. Silas Hodges 1837-41

Rev. Andrew Rankin 1844-46 (See Thornton)

Rev. Samuel M. Stone graduated at Dartmouth in 1839 and at Andover in 1842. He was ordained pastor of this church October 15, 1846, and dismissed in 1851 in poor health. He supplied the pulpit in Nelson, N.H., but died of consumption April 21, 1853, aged 41 years, at the house of his father-in-law in Lebanon.

Rev. Jonas DeF. Richards 1853-57

Rev. Chester D. Jeffards of Dixfield, Me. graduated at Amherst in 1855 and at Andover in 1858. He was ordained pastor of this church Oct. 20, 1858 and continued in office till he died, Nov. 22, 1862, aged 34 years. He married Electa E. Miller of Dummerston, Vt., by whom he had two children. He published one sermon.

Chester, Mass. Dec. 20, 1769

This town was then called Murrayfield.

Rev. Aaron Bascom of Warren graduated at Harvard in 1768 and was ordained the day the church

was organized. The sermon was preached by Rev. Mr. Jones of Warren. He married Theodosia Ashley of Westfield, by whom he had several children and among them two sons, John and Reynolds, who were ministers. Mr. Bascom was a good man, earnest and devoted to his work. He died May 18, 1814, aged 67 years; his funeral sermon by Rev. J. Nash of Middlefield was published.

Rev. Samuel M. Emerson, son of Rev. John Emerson of Conway, graduated at Williams College in 1810 and, after teaching a while, was pastor of this church from 1815 to 1817 and of the church in Manchester from September 12, 1821 to 1838. He was installed at Heath Sept. 16, 1840 and died very suddenly of a disease of the heart July 20, 1841, aged 55 years. He married a Miss Noble of Williamstown. He was a good man, but subject at times to great depression of spirits.

Rev. Rufus Pomeroy 1819-1827

Rev. Saul Clark 1829-1833(See Barkhamsted)

Chester, Ct. September 15, 1742

This was a parish of Saybrook till 1836, when it became a town.

Rev. Jared Harrison of Branford graduated at Yale in 1736 and was ordained the day the church was organized. He continued in office till he died in 1751.

Rev. Simeon Stoddard graduated at Yale in 1755. He was born in Woodbury, great grandson of Rev. Solomon Stoddard of Northampton, Mass., and probably grandson of Rev. Anthony Stoddard. He was ordained October 31, 1759 and died October 27, 1765, aged 30 years.

Rev. Elijah Mason graduated at Yale in 1744 and was pastor of the church in Marlborough from 1749 to 1762. He was pastor of this church from 1766 to 1770, when he died, aged years. He was born in Hartford.

Rev. Robert Silliman graduated at Yale in 1737 and was ordained pastor of the church in New Canaan in 1742. He resigned in 1771 and was installed at Chester in 1774. He died while on a visit to New Canaan, April 9, 1781, aged 66 years.

Rev. Samuel Mills, son of Rev. Gideon Mills of Canton, graduated at Yale in 1776 and was a lieutenant in the cavalry of the American army. In an

engagement with the enemy he received a wound in the forehead from a horseman's sword and was carried to Philadelphia. Miss Sarah Gilpin ministered to his wants, to whom he was afterwards married. She was the mother of eight children. His second wife was Rebecca Belden of Wethersfield, by whom he had one son. His third wife survived him a few days. He was ordained pastor of this church in October, 1786 and continued in office till he died in 1814, aged 63 years. He died of typhus fever.

Rev. Nehemiah B. Beardsley 1816-1822

Rev. William Case of Windsor graduated at Yale in 1821, spent two years at the seminary in Andover and was ordained pastor of this church in September, 1824. He was dismissed in March, 1835 and was not settled again, though he preached as stated and occasional supply in several places. He died in Windsor in 1857.

Rev. Samuel T. Mills of Chester, and son of Rev. Samuel Mills, graduated at Yale in 1807. He was ordained October 2, 1811 and preached in different places in the state of New York. He

was pastor of this church from July, 1835 to April, 1838, when he returned to the state of New York. He died in 1853.

Rev. Edward Peterson was not a graduate of any college. He was pastor of this church from 1838 to 1839. He removed to Providence and died in 1856.